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Welcome to Volume 1 of my Big 10 Regional Magazine. If you read my very first National College Preview magazine and compared it to this year's (Volume 11) you would see we have improved it ten-fold in that span. I would love to make the same improvements to my regional magazines in that span.

You know my national magazine has MORE information than any other College Football preview in the country and I feel confident that I can make the same statement about the regional magazines. This first year we are doing just 3 regional magazines in the SEC, Big 10 and Big 12 but next year we will add the Pac 10, ACC and possibly others. This Big 10 version is only available on Big 10 newsstands much like the SEC is in SEC country and the Big 12 is in those areas. If you would like the other two regional magazines you can purchase them through our offices (see back cover).

One thing I take great pride in is that I write all 119 Div IA team writeups in my national magazine myself. While I did write this year's writeups in the regional magazines, I would like to give credit in each regional to the person who wrote most of the other pages. In our offices I assign each conference to someone to follow all year and the person in charge of the Big 10 is Martina Myles and she does a tremendous job. She wrote the coaches, recruits, depth charts, bowl past histories and team past histories and also kept me well supplied on Big 10 information all year. Due to time constraints she had some others helping to write different sections and compile information for those sections and those who worked on the Big 10 information were Nancy Gieson, Debbie Corrigan, Nancy Mancuso, Christy Legaza and Constance Captain. The Big 10 cover was designed by Amy Walworth. Of course the entire staff helped out on proofreading and getting the magazine to the press.

I want next year's magazine to be even better so I would really like your input on how to make it better and if there is any information you would like to see in the regional magazines next year please let me know by filling out the questionnaire on page 96.

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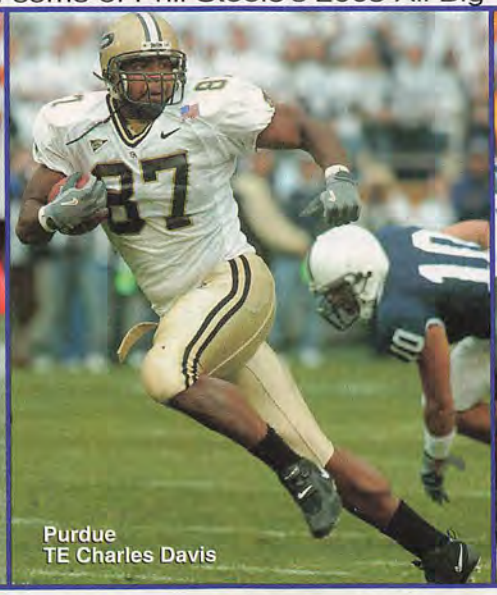
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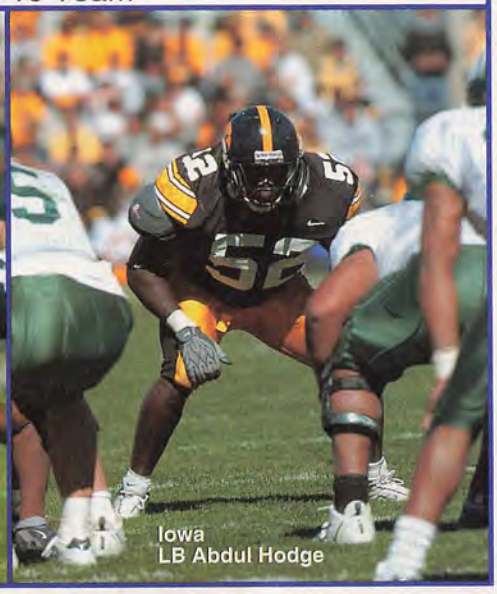

Iowa
LB Abdul Hodge

BEST CASE/WORSE CASE SCENARIOS

Here I take a look at 2004's season and what teams records could have been in a Best Case and Worst case scenario. Sometimes teams with solid winning records caught some breaks and were actually just one play from a losing record. Some teams with losing records may have been just a handful of plays away from a winning record. Listed below are the Big 10 teams. The Best Case scenario record shows them winning all the games they lost by a TD or less. The worst case scenario shows what their record would have been if they lost all the games they won by a TD or less.

Purdue 2004 Best Case 12-0

Close Losses

Wisconsin - Orton got a FD but fumbled and UW returned it 40 yds for a TD with 2:36 left. Purdue missed a 42 yd FG with :42 left in the 3 pt loss.

Michigan - UM got a FG with 2:45 for the lead. Purdue got a big play deep into Mich territory but fumbled and UM ran out the clock in 2 pt win.

Northwestern - Orton got hurt and missed most of the 2H. NU drove 84 yds in 8 plays for TD with :38 left. Purdue's Hail Mary pass was knocked out of the WR's hands in EZ in 3 pt NU win.

Iowa - Purdue had 5 TO's and 2 blocked FG's in a 2 pt loss to the Hawks.

Arizona St - ASU drove for the winning 19 yd TD pass with :43 left and PU's Hail Mary fell incomplete.

Purdue 2004 Worst Case 5-7

Close Wins

Penn St - The Lions' final 4 poss ended on a fake FG that was stopped, missed FG and two SOD in a 7 pt loss.

Ohio St - Purdue had a 24-11 FD edge and led 17-3 at the half but needed a 14 yd TD pass with 2:17 left for the 7 point win.

Michigan 2004 Best Case 10-2

Close Losses

Texas - This was an exciting game and Texas got a FG on the last play to pull out a 38-37 win.

Michigan 2004 Worst Case 5-7

Close Wins

San Diego St - The Aztecs missed TWO 4Q FG's and come up 3 points short in Ann Arbor.

Minnesota - Mich had commanding 29-13 FD edge but needed a 31 yd TD pass with 1:57 left.

Purdue - UM got a FG with 2:45 for lead. Purdue got a big play deep into Mich territory but fumbled and UM ran out the clock in a 2 pt win.

Mich St - UM trailed 27-10 with 7:00 left but got 3 scores to force OT and then went 3 OT's to escape with the win.

Ohio St 2004 Best Case 10-2

Close Losses

Northwestern - OSU trailed 27-17 but was int in EZ and missed a FG in the OT loss. OSU's TD with 1:54 left forced OT.

Purdue - Purdue did have 24-11 FD edge and led 17-3 at half but needed 14 yd TD pass with 2:17 left for 7 pt win.

Ohio St 2004 Worst Case 5-7

Close Wins

Marshall - UM missed a 35 yd FG with 3:17 left and OSU got a 55 yd FG on last play for win.

NC State - Normally I would not include an 8 pt margin but NCS had 15-11 FD and 256-137 yd edges but OSU was +4 in TO's.

Mich St - Normally I would only include 7 pt games but Mich St had a 22-12 FD edge and led 19-17 with 1:45 left. OSU got 58 and 51 yd TD's in the misleading 32-19 win.

Iowa 2004 Best Case 11-1

Close Losses

None - Both losses were by double digits and Iowa was outgained 840-355 in those so they did indeed achieve their best case scenario.

Iowa 2004 Worst Case 5-7

Close Wins

Iowa St - The Cyclones missed 3 FG's and had the ball 3 times in 4Q trailing by 7 but could not score.

Penn St - Penn St missed a 25 yd FG and had 5 TO's including an int at the 2 after a 1st & goal in a 2 point loss.

Purdue - Purdue had 5 TO's and 2 blocked FG's in a 2 point loss to Hawks.

Minnesota - The Gophers had a 337-6 rushing edge but got conservative on last drive and settled for a 51 yd FG with :28 left but missed it in a 2 pt loss.

LSU - LSU got a TD with :42 left for the apparent win. Iowa got an amazing 56 yd TD pass with :06 left

Mich St 2004 Best Case 9-3

Close Losses

Rutgers - Mich St had an open TD pass on 3rd & 6 from the Rutgers 29 but it was overthown. MSU only gained 2 yds on 4th down and lost by 5.

Michigan - UM trails 27-10 with 7:00 left but gets 3 scores to force OT and then goes to 3 OT's to escape with the win.

Ohio St - Normally I only include 7 pt games but Mich St had a 22-12 FD edge and led 19-17 with 1:45 left and OSU got 58 and 51 yd TD's in the misleading 32-19 win.

Hawaii - The Spartans jumped out to a 21-0 lead and roll up 598 yds offense but lose on the Islands by 3.

Mich St 2004 Worst Case 5-7

Close Wins

NONE - The Spartans 5 wins were by 21.8 ppg so they achieved their worst case scenario.

Penn St 2004 Best Case 7-4

Close Losses

Purdue - The Lions' final 4 poss end on fake FG that was stopped, miss FG and two SOD in 7 pt loss.

Iowa - Penn St missed a 25 yd FG and had 5 TO's including an int at the 2 after a 1st & goal in 2 pt loss.

Northwestern - The Lions were on NU's 18 yd line but were SOD with 3:27 left and NU won by 7.

2004 Worst Case 3-8

Close Wins

Indiana - Penn St got a TD with 4:51 left to go up by 8 and stopped the Hoosiers on 4th and goal at the 2 and then took an intentional safety on the last play.

Wisconsin 2004 Best Case 10-2

Close Losses

Georgia - Georgia did have a 254-53 yd edge at the half and 460-230 edge for the game and led 24-6 late in the 3Q but only won by 3.

Wisconsin 2004 Worst Case 7-5

Close Wins

Arizona - The Badgers got a FG with 4:32 left for lead and Cats miss 47 yd FG with :32 left in 2 pt win.

Purdue - Orton gets FD but fumbles and UW returns it 40 yds for TD with 2:36 left. Purdue misses 42 yd FG with :42 left in 3 pt loss.

Minnesota 2004 Best Case 9-3

Close Losses

Michigan - Mich had commanding 29-13 FD edge but needed 31 yd TD pass with 1:57 left.

Iowa - Gophers have a 337-6 rushing edge but get conservative on last drive and settle for 51 yd FG with :28 left and miss it in 2 pt loss.

Minnesota 2004 Worst Case 6-6

Close Wins

Alabama - The Tide was SOD at Minny's 19 with 1:23 left in a 4 point bowl loss.

Illinois 2004 Best Case 4-7

Close Losses

Northwestern - NU got a 73 yd PR for a TD with 2:12 left to tie it and Illinois missed a 31 yd FG on the last play of regulation and NU won in OT.

Illinois 2004 Worst Case 1-10

Close Wins

W Michigan - The Illini drove for a TD with 1:02 left to grab the lead in a 3 point win.

Indiana - Indy led 22-14 in 4Q. The Illini got a TD with 5:21 left but missed a 2 pt conv. An interception set up a 30 yd drive for a TD with :30 left for Illinois win.

N'western 2004 Best Case 8-4

Close Losses

TCU - NW did get a TD pass with :08 left to force OT after trailing 31-17 but missed 2 FG's in OT and lost by 3.

Hawaii - Normally would not include an 8 pt games but NW led 20-7 early and was int'd at the UH 11 with 1:06 left on the potential game tieing drive.

N'western 2004 Worst Case 0-12

Close Wins

Kansas - NW drove 81 yds for TD and led with 5:25 left. Kansas missed tieing 43 yd FG with 1:18 left.

Ohio St - OSU trailed 27-17 but was int in EZ and missed a FG in the OT loss. OSU TD with 1:54 left forced OT.

Indiana - NW got a 32 yd FG with :29 left to tie it. In OT got a TD on a ball thrown up in the crowd (see Past History) and prevailed in the 2nd OT.

Purdue - Orton gets hurt and misses most of 2H. NW drove 84 yds in 8 plays for TD with :38 left. Purdue Hail Mary pass knocked out of WR's hands in EZ in a 3 point NW win.

Penn St - The Lions were on NW's 18 yd line but were SOD with 3:27 left and NW won by 7.

Illinois - NW got a 73 yd PR for a TD with 2:12 left to tie it and Illinois missed a 31 yd FG on the last play of regulation and NW won in OT.

Indiana 2004 Best Case 6-5

Close Losses

Northwestern - NU gets a 32 yd FG with :29 left to tie and in OT got a TD on a ball thrown up in the crowd (see Past History) and prevailed in the 2nd OT.

Illinois - Indy led 22-14 in 4Q. Illini get TD with 5:21 left but miss 2 pt conv. An interception sets up a 30 yd drive for TD with :30 left for Illinois win.

Penn St - Penn St got TD with 4:51 left to go up by 8 and stop Hoosiers on 4th and goal at 2 and then took intentional safety on the last play.

Indiana 2004 Worst Case 5-7

Close Wins

Oregon - The Hoosiers were very fortunate here as OU had a 495-198 yd edge and Indy got 2 late int with one at their own 13 to win by 6.

Notre Dame 2004 Best Case 9-3

Close Losses

BYU - Trailing by 3 ND had two possessions late but punted on both and came up 3 pts short.

Boston College - BC got a 30 yd TD pass with :54 left to take the lead after ND led 20-7 at the half. ND missed a 55 yd FG on final play of a 1 pt loss.

Pitt - Pitt got a TD with 2:24 left. ND tied it on a FG with 1:11 left after dropping a FD pass but Pitt drives for winning FG on last play.

Notre Dame 2004 Worst Case 4-8

Close Wins

Stanford - Up by 1 ND got a TD with 4:10 left for 8 point lead and Cardinal Hail Mary at end of game is batted down in the endzone.

Tennessee - Vols probably would have won this was QB Ainge is not injured on last play of the 1H. UT had a 17-13 FD edge.

I did not include ND's 8 pt win over Michigan or 7 pt win over Mich St as ND led big and allowed late TD's to make the margin close (Mich St TD with :07 left to pull within 7).

2005 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

Here are Phil Steele's PROJECTED bowl matchups involving BIG 10 teams for 2005.

CAPITAL ONE BOWL

Georgia vs Ohio St

CAPITAL ONE BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2004 Iowa (+6') 30 LSU 25
2003 Georgia (-3') 34 Purdue 27 (OT)
2002 Auburn (+7) 13 Penn St 9
2001 Tennessee (-3) 47 Washington 43
2000 Michigan (-7') 31 Auburn 28

ORANGE BOWL

Michigan vs Miami, Fl

ORANGE BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2004 USC (-1) 55 Oklahoma 19
2003 Miami, Fl (+1') 16 Florida St 14
2002 USC (-4') 38 Iowa 17
2001 Florida (-14) 56 Maryland 23
2000 Oklahoma (+10) 13 Florida St 2

MUSIC CITY BOWL

Tennessee vs Wisconsin

MUSIC CITY BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2004 Minnesota (+1) 20 Alabama 16
2003 Auburn (-3') 28 Wisconsin 14
2002 Minnesota (+7') 29 Arkansas 14
2001 Boston College (+4) 20 Georgia 16
2000 West Virginia (+3') 49 Mississippi 38

MOTOR CITY BOWL

Minnesota vs Toledo

MOTOR CITY BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2004 Connecticut (+3') 39 Toledo 10
2003 Bowling Green (-7) 28 Northwestern 24
2002 Boston College (-4) 51 Toledo 25
2001 Toledo (-4) 23 Cincinnati 16
2000 Marshall (+2') 25 Cincinnati 14

SUGAR BOWL

Purdue vs Oklahoma

SUGAR BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2004 Auburn (-6) 16 Virginia Tech 13
2003 LSU (+7) 21 Oklahoma 14
2002 Georgia (-8) 26 Florida St 13
2001 LSU (-2) 47 Illinois 34
2000 Miami, Fl (-7) 37 Florida 20

ALAMO BOWL

Penn St vs Colorado

ALAMO BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2004 Ohio St (+3') 33 Oklahoma St 7
2003 Nebraska (-3) 17 Michigan St 3
2002 Wisconsin (+7') 31 Colorado 28
2001 Iowa (-1) 19 Texas Tech 16
2000 Nebraska (-14') 66 Northwestern 17

INSIGHT BOWL

Notre Dame vs Arizona St

INSIGHT BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2004 Oregon St (-4) 38 Notre Dame 21
2003 California (+3) 52 Virginia Tech 49
2002 Pittsburgh (+2') 38 Oregon St 13
2001 Syracuse (+6) 26 Kansas St 3
2000 Iowa St (+2) 37 Pittsburgh 29

OUTBACK BOWL

Iowa vs Florida

OUTBACK BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2004 Georgia (-8) 24 Wisconsin 21
2003 Iowa (+3') 37 Florida 17
2002 Michigan (-1) 38 Florida 30
2001 South Carolina (-1) 31 Ohio St 28
2000 South Carolina (+7) 24 Ohio St 7

SUN BOWL

Michigan St vs Oregon

SUN BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2004 Arizona St (+8) 27 Purdue 23
2003 Minnesota (-4') 31 Oregon 30
2002 Purdue (+3) 34 Washington 24
2001 Washington St (-6') 33 Purdue 27
2000 Wisconsin (-5') 21 UCLA 20

SOOO MUCH INFORMATION! So Little SPACE!

You'll find more information packed into these pages than in any of my competitors' publications. To do that, I had to cut somewhere, so I have used a lot of abbreviations in the upcoming pages. Most are obvious, but here is a complete list of the abbreviations used.

AA	All American
AC	All Conference
ACL	Anterior Cruciate Ligament
AD	Away Dog
AD	Athletic Director
AF	Away Favorite
AG	Away Game
ATS	Against the Spread
B2B	Back to Back
BAN	Bandit
C	Center
CB	Cornerback
CONV	Conversion
DC	Draft Choice
DC	Def Coordinator
DD	Double Digit
DE	Defensive End
DL	Defensive Line/D-Line
DNL	Did Not Letter
DNP	Did Not Play
DNQ	Did Not Qualify
DS	Deep Snapper
DT	Defensive Tackle
EZ	End Zone
FB	Fullback
FD	First Down
FF	Forced Fumble
FG	Field Goal
FL	Flanker
FMBL	Fumble
FR	Freshman/Fumble Rec
FS	Free Safety
GS	Grayshirt
GTD	Game Time Decision
HB	Halfback/H-Back
HC	Homecoming/Head Coach
HD	Home Dog
HF	Home Favorite
HG	Home Game
HM	Honorable Mention
HS	High School
HT	Highly Touted Athlete
ILB	Inside Linebacker
INC	Incomplete
INCL	Including
INEL	Ineligible
INT	Interception
IB	I-back (running back)
JC	Junior College
JR	Junior
JUCO	Junior College Transfer
JV	Junior Varsity
KD	Knockdown for an OL
K/P	Kicker/Punter
KO	Kickoff
KR	Kick Return
L	1L,2L,3L,4L (letters earned)
LB	Linebacker
LS	Long Snapper
LT	Left Tackle
LW	Last Week
LY	Last Year
MCL	Medial Collateral Ligament
Med RS	Medical Redshirt
Milt	Military
MLB	Middle Linebacker
MIP	Most Improved Player
NB	Nickel Back
NG	Nose Guard
NL	No Line
NT	Nose Tackle
OC	Offensive Coordinator
OG	Offensive Guard
OL	Offensive Line/O-Line
OLB	Outside Linebacker
OOB	Out of Bounds
OT	OffensiveTackle/Overtime
PBU	Passes Broken Up
PD	Passes Defended (pbu+int)
PEN	Penalty
POG	Player of the Game
POW	Player of the Week
POY	Player of the Year
PPG	Points Per Game
PQ	Partial Qualifier
PR	Punt Return
PS#	Phil's ranking out of HS
PT	Playing time
QB	Quarterback
QBH	Quarterback hurries
RB	Running Back
REC	Receiver/Reception(s)
RET	Return
RFR	Redshirt Frosh
RG	Road Game(s)
ROV	Rover
RS	Return Specialist
RS	Redshirt Frosh
RT	Right Tackle
RZ	Red Zone
S	Safety
SB	Slotback
SE	Split End
SK	Sack/SKS-Sacks
SO	Sophomore
SOD	Stopped on Downs
SPD	Speed
SPG	Spring
SR	Senior
SS	Strong Safety
SSN	Season
ST	Special Teams
	st(s) = starts
SU	Straight Up
TB	Tailback/Touchback
TD	Touchdown
TE	Tight End
TFL	Tackle For Loss
TKL	Tackles
TOP	Time of Possession
TO	Turnovers/Timeout
TPG	Tackles Per Game
TRANS	Transfer
TRUE	True Frosh
TTL	Total
TY	This Year
VHT	Very Highly Touted (Top Recruit)
VL	Vertical Leap
WR	Wide Receiver
XP	Extra Point
XPNG	Extra Point No Good
YD	Yard/YDS-Yards
YPC	Yards per Carry/Catch
YPG	Yards per Game
YPP	Yards per Point/Punt
YPR	Yards per Return
1H	1st Half, (2H) 2nd Half
1Q	1st Quarter (2Q, 3Q, 4Q)
2PT	2 point conversion
2PTNG	2 point conversion no good
†	Neutral Site
'	Half

PHIL STEELE'S 2005 BIG 10 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Chad Henne, Michigan	Drew Tate, Iowa	Drew Stanton, Michigan St	Brandon Kirsch, Purdue
RB	Laurence Maroney, Minn	Pierre Thomas, Illinois	Marques Simmons, Iowa	Erik Haw, Ohio St
RB	Michael Hart, Michigan	Brian Calhoun, Wisconsin	Jerod Void, Purdue	Tony Hunt, Penn St
WR	Steve Breaston, Michigan	Jason Avant, Michigan	Matt Trannon, Michigan St	Kendrick Jones, Illinois
WR	Ted Ginn, Jr., Ohio St	Santonio Holmes, Ohio St	Derrick Williams, Penn St	Ernie Wheelwright, Minn
WR	Dorien Bryant, Purdue	Clinton Soloman, Iowa	Kyle Ingraham, Purdue	Mark Philmore, N'western
TE	Charles Davis, Purdue	Tim Massaquoi, Michigan	Matt Spaeth, Minnesota	Ryan Hamby, Ohio St
C	Greg Eslinger, Minnesota	Donovan Raiola, Wisconsin	Nick Mangold, Ohio St	Chris Morris, Michigan St
G	Matt Lentz, Michigan	Rob Sims, Ohio St	Jordan Grimes, Purdue	Tyler Reed, Penn St
G	Mark Setterstrom, Minnesota	Martin O'Donnell, Illinois	David Walker, Iowa	Kyle Cook, Michigan St
T	Adam Stenavich, Michigan	Mike Otto, Purdue	Jake Long, Michigan	Stefon Wheeler, Mich St
T	Zach Strief, Northwestern	Joe Thomas, Wisconsin	Mike Jones, Iowa	Isaac Sowells, Indiana
DL	Tamba Hali, Penn St	Ray Edwards, Purdue	Victor Adeyanju, Indiana	Clifton Ryan, Michigan St
DL	Gabe Watson, Michigan	Anthony Montgomery, Minn	Brandon Villarreal, Purdue	Barry Cofield, N'western
DL	Quinn Pitcock, Ohio St	Pat Massey, Michigan	Scott Paxson, Penn St	Mark Losli, Minnesota
DL	Loren Howard, Northwestern	LaMarr Woodley, Michigan	Anthony Spencer, Purdue	Mike Kudla, Ohio St
LB	AJ Hawk, Ohio St	Paul Posluszny, Penn St	Pierre Woods, Michigan	Kyle Killion, Indiana
LB	Abdul Hodge, Iowa	Dan Connor, Penn St	Anthony Schlegel, Ohio St	Tim McGarigle, N'western
LB	Chad Greenway, Iowa	Bobby Carpenter, Ohio St	George Hall, Purdue	Tim Shaw, Penn St
CB	Alan Zemaitis, Penn St	Leon Hall, Michigan	Brett Bell, Wisconsin	Levonne Rowan, Wisconsin
CB	Ashton Youboty, Ohio St	Antwan Allen, Iowa	Jovon Johnson, Iowa	Anwar Phillips, Penn St
SS	Bernard Pollard, Purdue	Donte Whitner, Ohio St	Calvin Lowry, Penn St	Eric Smith, Michigan St
FS	Nate Salley, Ohio St	Chris Harrell, Penn St	Ryan Mundy, Michigan	SS Will Meyers, Indiana
K	Ben Jones, Purdue	Kyle Schlicher, Iowa	Garrett Rivas, Michigan	Josh Huston, Ohio St
P	Steve Weatherford, Illinois	Brandon Fields, Michigan St	Tyson Beattie, Indiana	Kenneth DeBauche, Wisc
KR	Steve Breaston, Michigan	Lance Bennett, Indiana	Pierre Thomas, Illinois	Jeff Backes, Northwestern
PR	Ted Ginn, Jr, Ohio St	Steve Breaston, Michigan	Ed Hinkel, Iowa	Marcus Randle El, Wisc

MICHIGAN ST
C CHRIS MORRIS

PURDUE
DE RAY EDWARDS

ILLINOIS
P STEVE WEATHERFORD

2004 BIG 10 CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Kyle Orton, Purdue	389	236	60.7	5	3090	7.9	31	151.1
Drew Tate, Iowa	**375**	**233**	**62.1**	**14**	**2786**	**7.4**	**20**	**134.7**
Chad Henne, Mich	**399**	**240**	**60.2**	**12**	**2743**	**6.9**	**25**	**132.6**
Drew Stanton, Mich St	**220**	**141**	**64.1**	**6**	**1601**	**7.3**	**8**	**131.8**
Matt LoVecchio, Indiana	271	153	56.5	7	1951	7.2	13	127.6
Bryan Cupito, Minn	**261**	**123**	**47.1**	**7**	**2097**	**8.0**	**14**	**127.0**
Zack Mills, Penn St	268	155	57.8	12	1722	6.4	9	113.9
Brett Basanez, NU	**460**	**247**	**53.7**	**9**	**2838**	**6.2**	**12**	**110.2**
John Stocco, Wisc	**321**	**169**	**52.6**	**7**	**1999**	**6.2**	**9**	**109.8**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Michael Hart, Michigan	**12**	**282**	**1455**	**5.2**	**9**	**121.2**
Noah Herron, Northwestern	12	274	1381	5.0	14	115.1
Laurence Maroney, Minn	**12**	**217**	**1348**	**6.2**	**12**	**112.3**
Marion Barber III, Minnesota	12	231	1269	5.5	11	105.8
Pierre Thomas, Illinois	**11**	**152**	**893**	**5.9**	**8**	**81.2**
BJ Green-Ellis, Indiana	11	231	794	3.4	5	72.2
Tony Hunt, Penn St	**11**	**169**	**777**	**4.6**	**7**	**70.6**
Drew Stanton, Mich St	**10**	**96**	**687**	**7.2**	**5**	**68.7**
DeAndra Cobb, Mich St	12	96	728	7.6	4	60.7
Jason Teague, Mich St	**12**	**150**	**688**	**4.6**	**8**	**57.3**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Braylon Edwards, Mich	12	97	1330	15	110.8	8.1	13.7
Taylor Stubblefield, Pur	12	89	1095	16	91.2	7.4	12.3
Clinton Solomon, Iowa	**12**	**58**	**905**	**6**	**75.4**	**4.8**	**15.6**
Courtney Roby, Indiana	11	55	810	7	73.6	5.0	14.7
Santonio Holmes, Ohio St	**12**	**55**	**769**	**7**	**64.1**	**4.6**	**14.0**
Kendrick Jones, Illinois	**11**	**47**	**687**	**5**	**62.5**	**4.3**	**14.6**
Ed Hinkel, Iowa	**12**	**63**	**744**	**7**	**62.0**	**5.3**	**11.8**
Ernie Wheelwright, Minn	**12**	**30**	**654**	**7**	**54.5**	**2.5**	**21.8**
Mike Robinson, Penn St	**9**	**33**	**485**	**3**	**53.9**	**3.7**	**14.7**
Kyle Ingraham, Purdue	**12**	**51**	**624**	**7**	**52.0**	**4.3**	**12.2**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Kyle Orton, Purdue	11	80	112	389	3090	3202	291.1
Brett Basanez, NU	**12**	**83**	**258**	**460**	**2838**	**3096**	**258.0**
Drew Stanton Mich St	**10**	**96**	**687**	**220**	**1601**	**2288**	**228.8**
Drew Tate, Iowa	**12**	**89**	**-76**	**375**	**2786**	**2710**	**225.8**
Chad Henne, Michigan	**12**	**55**	**-137**	**399**	**2743**	**2606**	**217.2**
Matt LoVecchio, Indiana	11	93	112	271	1951	2063	187.5
Zack Mills, Penn St	10	51	72	268	1722	1794	179.4
Bryan Cupito, Minn	**12**	**29**	**42**	**261**	**2097**	**2139**	**178.2**
John Stocco, Wisc	**12**	**56**	**-20**	**321**	**1999**	**1979**	**164.9**
Michael Hart, Mich	**12**	**282**	**1455**	**0**	**0**	**1455**	**121.2**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Brandon Fields, Mich St	**12**	**50**	**2394**	**47.9**
Steve Weatherford, Illinois	**11**	**57**	**2589**	**45.4**
Adam Finley, Michigan	12	64	2751	43.0
Kyle Turano, Ohio St	12	65	2780	42.8
Jeremy Kapinos, Penn St	**11**	**61**	**2549**	**41.8**
Kenneth DeBauche, Wisc	**12**	**57**	**2380**	**41.8**
Tyson Beattie, Indiana	**10**	**65**	**2684**	**41.3**
David Bradley, Iowa	12	65	2633	40.5
Dave Brytus, Purdue	**11**	**53**	**2120**	**40.0**
Rhys Lloyd, Minnesota	12	56	2231	39.8

FIELDGOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Mike Nugent, Ohio St	12	24	27	88.9	55
Kyle Schlicher, Iowa	**12**	**21**	**26**	**80.8**	**49**
Garrett Rivas, Michigan	**12**	**19**	**24**	**79.2**	**47**
Bryan Robertson, Indiana	11	11	14	78.6	39
Dave Rayner, Michigan St	12	22	31	71.0	53
Rhys Lloyd, Minnesota	12	12	18	66.7	46
Jason Reda, Illinois	**11**	**7**	**12**	**58.3**	**40**
Mike Allen, Wisconsin	12	12	21	57.1	46
Ben Jones, Purdue	**12**	**10**	**18**	**55.6**	**50**
Robbie Gould, Penn St	11	7	13	53.8	47

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ted Ginn Jr., Ohio St	**15**	**384**	**4**	**25.6**
Walner Belleus, Iowa	12	204	1	17.0
Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin	35	443	0	12.7
Steve Breaston, Michigan	**24**	**292**	**1**	**12.2**
Ed Hinkel, Iowa	**22**	**260**	**0**	**11.8**
Lance Bennett, Indiana	**19**	**208**	**1**	**10.9**
Santonio Holmes, Ohio St	**20**	**214**	**1**	**10.7**
EB Halsey, Illinois	**27**	**226**	**0**	**8.4**
Calvin Lowry, Penn St	**28**	**232**	**0**	**8.3**
Agim Shabaj, Michigan St	**18**	**147**	**0**	**8.2**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
Tim McGarigle, N'western	**12**	**102**	**49**	**151**	**12.6**
AJ Hawk, Ohio St	**12**	**66**	**75**	**141**	**11.8**
Herana-Daze Jones, Indiana	11	70	40	110	10.0
Abdul Hodge, Iowa	**12**	**79**	**37**	**116**	**9.7**
Kyle Killion, Indiana	**11**	**73**	**33**	**106**	**9.6**
Paul Posluszny, Penn St	**11**	**52**	**52**	**104**	**9.5**
Chad Greenway, Iowa	**12**	**71**	**42**	**113**	**9.4**
Ronald Stanley, Mich St	12	62	42	104	8.7
Dan Connor, Penn St	**10**	**50**	**35**	**85**	**8.5**
Bernard Pollard, Purdue	**12**	**58**	**38**	**96**	**8.0**
Matt Sinclair, Illinois	11	45	42	87	7.9

TFL

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Jonathan Babineaux, Iowa	26	93	Matt Roth, Iowa	15	72
Darrell Reid, Minnesota	20	85	**Paul Posluszny, Penn St**	**15**	**45**
Brandon Villarreal, Pur	**19**	**55**	**Tamba Hali, Penn St**	**14**	**43**
Kyle Killion, Indiana	**17**	**74**	Lawrence Reid, Mich	12	59
LaMarr Woodley, Mich	**16**	**72**	Anttaj Hawthorne, Wisc	12	43

SACKS

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Jonathan Babineaux, Iowa	11	63	**Anthony Spencer, Purdue**	**8**	**55**
Ray Edwards, Purdue	**9**	**56**	**Rob Ninkovich, Purdue**	**8**	**48**
Erasmus James, Wisc	8	68	**Kenny Kendal, Indiana**	**6**	**36**
Darrell Reid, Minnesota	8	58	**Dontez Sanders, Wisc**	**6**	**33**
Matt Roth, Iowa	8	55	Anttaj Hawthorne, Wisc	6	30

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Jeff Backes, Northwestern	**11**	**333**	**1**	**30.3**
Lance Bennett, Indiana	**20**	**599**	**1**	**30.0**
Pierre Thomas, Illinois	**25**	**677**	**1**	**27.1**
Maurice Hall, Ohio St	19	487	0	25.6
Jerome Brooks, Purdue	22	546	1	24.8
Steve Breaston, Michigan	**28**	**689**	**0**	**24.6**
DeAndra Cobb, Michigan St	36	869	1	24.1
Terrell Jordan, N'western	**17**	**405**	**0**	**23.8**
Rodney Kinlaw, Penn St	**10**	**198**	**0**	**19.8**
Brandon Williams, Wisc	**23**	**437**	**0**	**19.0**

PHIL STEELE'S 2005 BIG 10 FORECAST

1. PURDUE - A look at the Boilermakers last year shows an average 7-5 record including a bowl loss. Upon closer inspection, IF Purdue had just 5 specific plays go their way, they would have actually been 12-0 as they suffered last minute losses to Wisconsin, Michigan, Northwestern, Iowa and Ariz St. That was a Purdue team with just 3 returning starters on defense and they nearly arrived a year early. This year's squad, despite having to replace QB Kyle Orton, is much stronger as they have 2 capable QB's, a deep backfield, a loaded offense and a defense that simply returns all 11 starters. Purdue outgained Big 10 foes by 80.5 ypg last year, the 3rd best mark in the league despite their 4-4 finish. Now for the good news; Purdue not only returns 18 starters, but they avoid both Ohio St and Michigan. I will call for them to run the table and grab the Big 10 Title and possibly a berth in the Rose Bowl!

2004 BIG 10 STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Iowa	7	1	199	125	10	2	292	211
Michigan	7	1	246	182	9	3	370	279
Wisconsin	6	2	167	145	9	3	249	185
Northwestern	5	3	168	198	6	6	295	342
Ohio State	4	4	184	171	8	4	290	219
Purdue	4	4	207	156	7	5	381	206
Michigan State	4	4	253	228	5	7	353	326
Minnesota	3	5	207	199	7	5	361	273
Penn State	2	6	103	124	4	7	195	168
Illinois	1	7	141	248	3	8	240	323
Indiana	1	7	159	258	3	8	262	343

Coach of the Year: Kirk Ferentz, Iowa

2003 SEC STANDINGS

	Conf			All Games		
	W/L	PF	PA	W/L	PF	PA
Michigan	7-1	286	150	10-3	460	219
Ohio St	6-2	175	124	11-2	322	229
Purdue	6-2	198	138	9-4	349	226
Iowa	5-3	198	160	10-3	373	210
Minnesota	5-3	285	204	10-3	503	285
Mich St	5-3	249	191	8-5	363	293
Wisconsin	4-4	226	180	7-6	355	306
N'western	4-4	148	202	6-7	263	326
Penn St	1-7	154	190	3-9	233	255
Indiana	1-7	104	279	2-10	177	388
Illinois	0-8	112	317	1-11	203	398

Coach of the Year: John L. Smith, Mich St

2002 SEC STANDINGS

	Conf			All Games		
	W/L	PF	PA	W/L	PF	PA
Ohio St	8-0	185	88	14-0	410	183
Iowa	8-0	302	130	11-2	484	256
Michigan	6-2	224	162	10-3	361	265
Penn St	5-3	286	152	9-4	446	227
Purdue	4-4	235	182	7-6	386	288
Illinois	4-4	212	206	5-7	346	307
Minnesota	3-5	198	256	8-5	376	319
Wisconsin	2-6	202	218	8-6	372	322
Mich St	2-6	194	314	4-8	316	398
N'western	1-7	170	332	3-9	272	493
Indiana	1-7	164	332	3-9	258	445

Coach of the Year: Kirk Ferentz, Iowa

2. MICHIGAN - UM finished 7-1 in the Big 10 last year but was fortunate winning a lot of close games as they got a 31 yard TD pass with 1:57 left to beat Minny, a 35 yard FG with 2:48 left to get past Purdue and overcame a 27-10 deficit with 8:43 left to beat Mich St in 3 OT's. Still the Wolves are capable of getting to the Rose Bowl for a 3rd consecutive season. Last year their offense consisted of true freshmen at QB and feature RB and both are now experienced. The big games in league play are a road trip to Iowa and a home game vs Ohio St, but Michigan is clearly capable of winning it's 3rd consecutive Big 10 Title.

PENN ST
SS CALVIN LOWRY

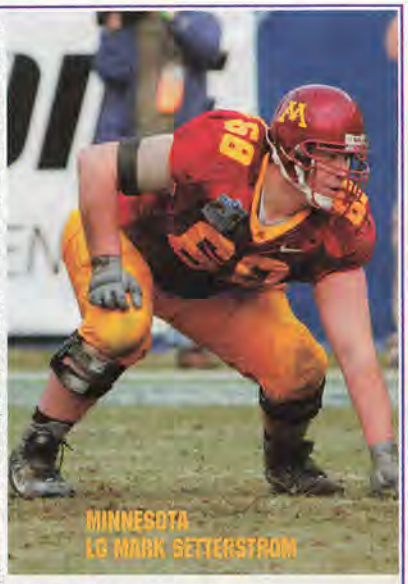
2. OHIO ST - The Ted Ginn era has begun and the Bucks' offense was woeful prior to his arrival. They managed 13 FD's or less in 6 of their first 10 games but with him full-time in the lineup vs Mich and in the bowl, they exploded for 37 and 33 points. Despite the 4-4 conf record, OSU was actually outgained by 58.7 ypg in league play, the 3rd worst mark in the league. Still the Bucks were a more formidable team with Ginn and have my #4 rated offense. I rate their D 2nd best in the league and as is often the case the Big 10 Title could be decided when the Bucks travel to Ann Arbor. They also host Iowa and have to travel to Penn St. The Big 10 schedule is tough but this team is clearly capable of running the table with 18 returning starters. The Buckeyes are a clear Big 10 and National Title contender.

4. IOWA - Kirk Ferentz is amazing. If games were based on FD and yardage totals, his team would be about .500 in Big 10 play the last 3 years, but instead they have chalked up a 20-4 record. Last year they got past both Purdue and Penn St by 2, saw Minny miss a FG on the final play of the game for another 2 point win and were a 7-1 co-Big 10 champ. Provided the replacements on the defensive front are adequate, this team is stronger than 2004's with an improved O-line. They can only have better health at RB and have one of the best QB's in the country in Drew Tate. They have a tough Big 10 schedule having to face Ohio St, Purdue and Wisconsin on the road and draw Michigan at home, but the Hawkeyes are once again one of the best teams in the Big 10. If they continue to have good fortune and win their close games, they have a shot at getting to that big Rose Bowl game.

NORTHWESTERN
RT ZACH STRIEF

5. MICHIGAN ST - MSU actually had a losing season last year but have 13 returning starters and 2 other key points that has me calling them a surprise team this season. First, they were -10 in turnovers last year and second, they had the best mark in the Big 10 outgaining conf foes by 113.4 ypg (29.4 ypg better than league champ Michigan). They do have to play both OSU and Purdue on the road as well as host the Wolves. They could knock off one of those 3 and clearly move up in the Big 10 standings.

6. PENN ST - The Lions have probably been the most snake bitten team in the country over the past 5 years, suffering many close losses. In fact, 13 of the last 22 have been by 8 points or less. An amazing stat from last season is that PSU was the only team in the NCAA that did not allow over 21 points in a game last season and yet the Lions finished just 4-7. This year the offense will be vastly improved with the new, speedy frosh WR's and hopefully better health at QB. The D could be the best in the Big 10. The conf schedule is not easy as they face most of the big boys and have to play Michigan and Michigan St on the road. I project PSU will get off to a 5-0 start which will give them a lot more confidence and they will return to the post season.


MINNESOTA
LG MARK SETTERSTROM

6. WISCONSIN - Last year I commented that the Badgers were a Rose Bowl contender and they controlled the race until their final game. UW stood 9-0, ranked #4 and the defense had allowed just 9.1 ppg, when Anthony Davis was questionably ruled short of the EZ on 4th & goal on the last play before the half vs Mich St. They suffered a complete melt down in the 2H and lost 49-14. They needed to beat Iowa to go to the Rose Bowl but lost by 23 giving up 30 points on just 162 yards. This year the Badgers have just 10 starters returning, the fewest in the league, and all 4 of their DL's who led LY's 9-0 start were drafted by the NFL. In a much improved Big 10, I don't think the Badgers are capable of contending for the top spot but they should achieve their 9th bowl trip in 10 years.

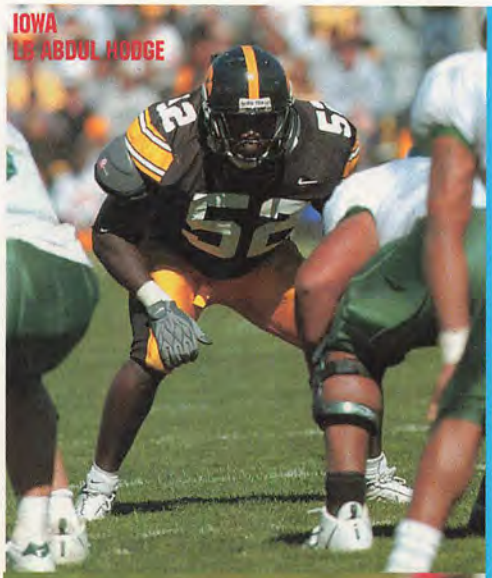
8. MINNESOTA - The Gophers have 16 returning starters and lose just 13 lettermen. They have the best RB in the conf in Maroney and an experienced QB. They are stronger than last year's squad which beat Alabama in the Music City Bowl. Unfortunately for the Gophers, while the non-conf slate is still soft, they avoided both Purdue and Ohio St the past 2 years and last season beat up on Illinois and Northwestern by a combined 88-17. This year Purdue and Ohio St show back up on the schedule in place of NU and Illinois, giving them the toughest conf schedule in the Big 10.

9. ILLINOIS - The Illini were outgained by 132.9 ypg in the Big 10 last year. They also have just 4 senior starters, making them the least experienced team in the Big 10 and are playing in a league that is substantially improved. They must learn new schemes on both offense and defense. While they are stronger than last year's version and Zook will have them in the upper half of the league standings in the near future, they have too much ground to make up to achieve that this season.

10. NORTHWESTERN - The Cats were 5-3 in Big 10 play last year and have constantly pulled surprises in league play amazingly owning 3 Big 10 Titles in the last 10 years, the same amount as Ohio St. Upon closer inspection, NU did have 5 close wins in Big 10 play that could easily have gone the other way including 3 in OT. In fact, they were outscored by 30 points in Big 10 play LY. They have just 12 starters back, which is the 2nd fewest in the league, and a tough schedule with few winnable Big 10 home games plus they don't get to play Indiana. NU is a dangerous team as they proved last year but it looks like a rebuilding year and a drop in the standings.

11. INDIANA - I can easily see the Hoosiers escaping the basement this year as last season's squad had 4 tough losses. They could easily have beaten Mich St, N'western, Illinois and Penn St, had one or two plays gone differently in each and this could have been a 7-4 team. They have a new head coach and should get off to a fine start, probably sweeping the non-conf games giving them a ton of confidence for the Big 10 season. Unfortunately, they're in a rebuilding year with just 13 starters back while losing 21 lettermen. They do have a lot of ground to make up in Big 10 play as they were outgained by 119.8 ypg last year. Despite the early season success, it will likely be another rebuilding season.

WISCONSIN
LT JOE THOMAS

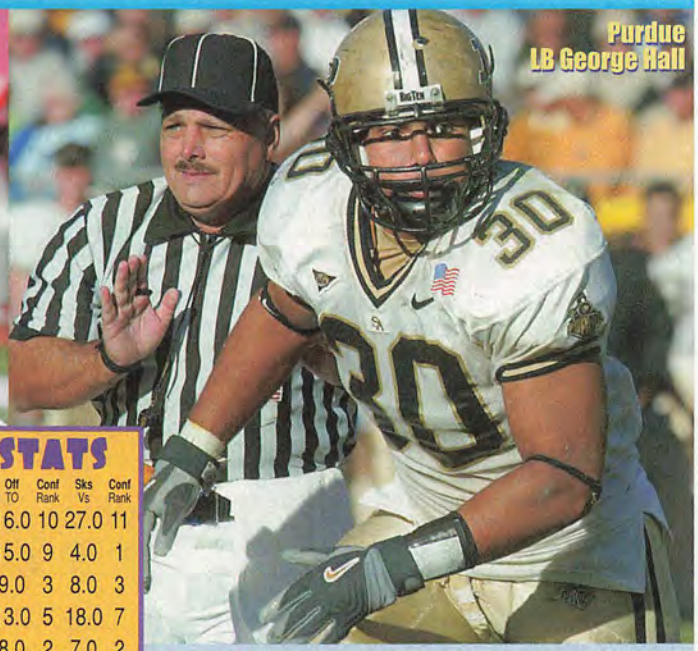


IOWA
LB ABDUL HODGE

PHIL'S 2005 BIG 10 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Purdue	4	5	2	7	1	7	5	3	4
Michigan	1	1	2	1	3	4	3	2	2
Ohio St	4	6	1	4	4	1	2	1	2
Iowa	2	8	5	7	9	2	3	3	1
Michigan St	2	8	2	2	6	7	6	7	9
Penn St	7	6	8	4	1	2	1	8	6
Wisconsin	8	3	6	6	8	5	8	9	4
Minnesota	9	1	6	2	5	10	8	11	7
Illinois	10	3	10	7	9	11	8	6	10
Northwestern	4	11	9	7	6	6	8	10	8
Indiana	11	10	11	11	11	9	6	3	10

PENN ST
CB ALAN ZEMAITIS



Purdue
LB George Hall

2004 BIG 10 vs BIG 10 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '04 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
9	Purdue	25.9	3	416.1	3	108.9	9	3.0	8	307.3	1	60.6	4	16.1	6	16.0	10	27.0	11
15	Michigan St	31.6	1	477.0	1	265.8	1	6.1	1	211.3	4	60.9	3	15.1	4	15.0	9	4.0	1
21	Minnesota	25.9	3	399.0	4	216.0	2	5.1	2	183.0	7	44.7	11	15.4	5	9.0	3	8.0	3
23	Michigan	30.8	2	423.6	2	174.9	3	4.2	4	248.8	3	61.4	2	13.8	3	13.0	5	18.0	7
34	Northwestern	21.0	7	367.6	5	168.1	5	4.7	3	199.5	6	51.9	9	17.5	10	8.0	2	7.0	2
46	Ohio St	23.0	6	305.6	9	146.0	6	4.0	5	159.6	10	52.5	8	13.3	2	14.0	7	19.0	8
52	Wisconsin	20.9	8	346.1	6	168.8	4	3.8	6	177.4	8	53.9	7	16.6	8	6.0	1	14.0	4
53	Iowa	24.9	5	322.0	8	58.6	11	1.8	11	263.4	2	62.8	1	12.9	1	14.0	7	25.0	10
68	Indiana	19.9	9	322.8	7	121.4	8	3.0	9	201.4	5	57.3	5	16.2	7	9.0	3	21.0	9
74	Illinois	17.6	10	294.4	10	125.8	7	3.7	7	168.6	9	54.7	6	16.7	9	13.0	5	17.0	5
85	Penn St	12.9	11	252.8	11	94.6	10	2.9	10	158.1	11	47.5	10	19.6	11	16.0	10	17.0	5

2004 BIG 10 vs BIG 10 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '04 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Sks Rank	Conf By	Rank
6	Penn St	15.5	1	300.4	2	145.1	6	3.4	3	155.3	1	52.4	3	19.4	1	18.0	2	14.0	8
9	Wisconsin	18.1	3	304.0	3	133.9	4	4.2	8	170.1	2	48.5	1	16.8	5	8.0	10	24.0	1
10	Iowa	15.6	2	290.4	1	107.9	1	3.2	1	182.5	3	52.0	2	18.6	2	26.0	1	20.0	2
16	Ohio St	21.4	5	364.3	8	129.1	3	3.3	2	235.1	9	58.2	9	17.0	4	12.0	3	17.0	4
20	Michigan	22.8	6	339.6	5	143.3	5	3.7	6	196.4	5	56.5	7	14.9	7	11.0	4	14.0	8
29	Purdue	19.5	4	335.6	4	114.9	2	3.5	4	220.8	8	54.0	4	17.2	3	10.0	6	18.0	3
49	Northwestern	24.8	7	360.9	6	154.3	8	3.6	5	206.6	6	56.5	6	14.6	8	10.0	6	16.0	5
55	Minnesota	24.9	8	398.3	9	152.4	7	3.8	7	245.9	10	60.3	10	16.0	6	11.0	4	15.0	7
56	Michigan St	28.5	9	363.6	7	170.8	9	4.5	9	192.9	4	57.1	8	12.8	11	10.0	6	16.0	5
73	Illinois	31.0	10	427.3	10	207.5	11	4.7	10	219.8	7	62.8	11	13.8	9	7.0	11	9.0	11
83	Indiana	32.3	11	442.6	11	189.6	10	4.8	11	253.0	11	55.8	5	13.7	10	9.0	9	14.0	8

BIG 10 Notes: No doubt last year was a down year for the Big 10 and I pegged them just the 4th best conf heading into the year. In 2002, Ohio St was the first Big 10 team to play in the BCS Title game. That year they were the best conference and had 3 teams finish in the Top 10 in BOTH 2002 & 2003. After having the best record vs non-conf BCS foes in both '02 & '03, they had to replace 6 of their top 7 QB's in the league. Last year they were just 6-6 in non-conf games vs BCS schools (4th best) but 22-11 in IA non-conf games which was 2nd best. The league was 3-3 in the bowls but had just 1 Top 10 team. The 4 teams in the final Top 20 tied with the SEC for the most. This year the conference is a lot stronger from top to bottom and I list 4 teams as being legitimate National Title contenders in Purdue, Michigan, Ohio St and Iowa. You know Rose Bowl officials are hoping for two remaining unbeaten teams this year with one from the Pac 10 and one from the Big 10 so they could have their tradition and a TRUE National Title game. Late season trips and questionable officiating cost the Big 10 one other bowl bid as Northwestern had a breakeven season. For all of you screaming for a playoff, there are some great playoff games in the Big 10 this year like Michigan at Iowa, Iowa at Purdue and of course Ohio St at Michigan.

TURNOVERS = TURNAROUND

BY PHIL STEELE

Turnovers can have a huge impact on games and on a team's season. They can also lead to many misleading final scores. ALL of the previous week's misleading final scores are listed on the front page of my Power Sweep Newsletter. By reading about them each week you can uncover some solid line value for the upcoming week's games. Let's take a look at several examples.

Indiana was off an extremely misleading final in their upset win over Oregon. Oregon had a 21-12 FD edge and an amazing 495-198 yardage edge but somehow (-5 TO's) LOST 30-24. Indy not only had a late game on the West Coast and a late trip back to Bloomington, but had to travel the next week to face a Kentucky team that was well rested off a bye. Thanks to the misleading final, UK was only -2 vs the Hoosiers. We used Kentucky as a 4★ Late Phone play and they won (one of only two wins all year for the Cats) in a 51-32 throttling of Indy.

Miami (OH) was +20 in turnovers (tied for 2nd best in the nation) in 2003 and finished 13-1 while Marshall was -19 in turnovers (114th in Div IA) and finished 8-4. When the two met up in 2004, Miami lost 5 turnovers and Marshall lost only 1. Following the game, Miami was -11 in turnovers and Marshall was +9 showing some turnovers = turnaround. Marshall was able to beat Miami 33-25 in a game that Marshall led 33-14. The next week Marshall did not get the benefit of the turnovers. They barely got past Ohio 16-13 in a game in which OU missed a 32 yard FG with :25 left and Marshall (-8') won by 3. Miami, which fell to 2-3 after the loss, would rebound to win their next 6 games covering five.

Last year Tennessee was an undefeated team when they hosted Auburn and had a big showdown against Georgia on deck. The advance line on the UGA/TEN game had UGA as a 7 point favorite. That week UT turned the ball over six times vs Auburn and the TO's proved fatal. Despite a 22-17 FD edge, the Vols were waxed 34-10 in a game they trailed 31-3 at the half. UGA had just plastered LSU 45-16. Based on those two results, UT was given little chance and the line jumped to UGA -12'. UT simply pulled the upset the next week winning 19-14 holding UGA to 265 total yards.

Missouri's charter plane skidded off the runway on Friday and they did not fly into Nebraska until Saturday morning landing just three hours before kickoff. With 3:50 to go in the Nebraska/Missouri game, the Tigers were SOD at the Husker 8. At this point in the game Missouri had a 19-7 FD edge and 328-149 yard edge but trailed 17-3 thanks in part to -2 in TO's. RB Ross ripped off a meaningless 86 yard TD run with 2:56 left and on the scoreboard, Nebraska showed an impressive 24-3 win which was very misleading. The next week Nebraska was a 4 point road favorite vs Iowa St. The Cyclones were the Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep and delivered an outright "upset" 34-27 in a game the Cyclones led 34-14 in the 4Q.

The final score read Oklahoma St 42 Colorado 14, a blowout win for the Cowboys but it was misleading. OSU had very few plays on the Colorado side of the field and the Buffs had a 22-15 FD edge and 445-429 yardage edge. The next week OSU was installed as a 7 point favorite vs Texas A&M. We used a 3★ in Power Sweep on the Aggies and they pulled the outright "upset" 36-20 in Stillwater.

Michigan only beat Minnesota by 3 (27-24) and did not even cover a 3' point spread. The Wolverines, however, had a 29-13 FD edge and 518-345 yard edge. The next week we used the Wolves as our Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep at Purdue and Michigan pulled the outright upset 16-14.

In 2003, UAB struggled late without QB Hackney who was injured. They were outgained by South Florida 336-277 but a +5 in TO's masked the tough time their offense had as they pulled out the road win. The next week we used a Top Late Phone play on Houston who was on -1 at home and the Cougars rolled to a super easy 56-28 win vs the overmatched Blazers.

Back in 2002 Florida St could have beaten Virginia by as much as a 61-0 margin. They had a 397-62 rushing edge but in the first half alone FSU was int'd at the VA 1, fumbled at the 3 and was int'd in the EZ from the 2 costing them 21 points. Later they missed a FG from the 9, so altogether FSU had 4 possessions inside the 10 for 0 points. Virginia got a TD pass with :29 left for the backdoor cover (+26') "only" losing 40-19 after trailing 33-0. In FSU's next game we used them as our FREE September 5★ for Power Sweep subscribers and they whipped Maryland 37-10 (-15) to deliver the easy win.

Arizona St dominated N Carolina with a 34-19 FD edge in their 2002 game, but due to FIVE turnovers they actually lost outright 38-35. The next week NC hosted NC St and were whipped 34-17 (+6'). The same week that ASU lost to N Carolina, Oregon St was outgained by UCLA 625-353. They lost at home only 43-35 thanks in part to a blocked punt for a TD and then a 19 yard fumble return for a TD with 2:09 left. With both teams off misleading finals the next week we used Arizona St +3 at home over Oregon St as a rare 5★ Late Phone Play and the Sun Devils won outright at home by a 13-9 margin.

I could list many more examples but as you can see turnovers can determine the outcome of a game. They can also lead to some solid line value during the course of the season. **Each week in Power Sweep I provide a section called "Misleading Final Scores" which allows you to take advantage of the public's perception of a final score.** Turnovers can not only make a difference in a game, but can make the difference between a winning and losing season.

Three bowl teams from 2000 that had benefitted from double-digit turnovers all finished with losing records in 2001 without the benefit of the turnovers. Northwestern went from 8-4 to 4-7, Notre Dame from 9-3 to 5-6 and Oregon St who went from 11-1 to just 5-6.

The majority of 1999's big turnaround seasons were by Air Force, Arizona, Tulane and UCLA which all finished with positive double digit turnover margins in 1998. Those 4 were a combined 46-4 for the '98 season!!! In 1999, those 4 were just 19-26!! Wow, turnovers can indeed equal turnaround. The NCAA's largest single season turnaround happened in 1999 when Hawaii went from 0-12 to 9-4. The Warriors made this article that year as they were -10 in 1998 in turnovers but finished +1 in 1999. Here are some more examples.

In 1991, California was 10-2 with a win in the Citrus Bowl. They benefitted that year from a remarkable +17 turnovers. The very next year, with 13 returning starters, they fell to 4-7! Were the turnovers a factor? They went from +17 in '91 to -13 in '92!

In 1995, Louisville benefitted from +21 in turnovers and had a successful 7-4 year. In 1996, with a more talented squad, they were -17 and had a losing record.

One of the best examples is S Mississippi. In 1991 they were 4-7. They had only 4 returning starters in 1992. What looked to be a miserable year turned out shockingly well. S Mississippi went 7-4! The reason was +14 turnovers! The next year, this 7-4 team had 16 returning starters. A bowl seemed in the offing. Their 1993 record was only a stunning 2-8-1! How could this be? The Eagles were -11 in turnovers.

Last year 15 teams made this article after benefitting from double digit turnovers in 2003. Of those 15, only 3 ended 2004 with more wins than the year before and 10 had less wins (2 had the same amount of wins). Teams going from a winning record and a bowl to a losing record after benefitting from TO's in 2004 were Nebraska, Mich St, Missouri and Arkansas.

Teams that benefitted from double digit turnovers the previous year rarely get a repeat of that good fortune. In the last 12 years, 183 teams have had plus double digit turnovers. Of those 183, 117 have had weaker records the following year (64%). Only 44 teams (24%) have improved their record and the other 22 had the same record. Listed below are last year's fortunate teams:

GOING DOWN?

USC	+19	Pittsburgh	+13
Oklahoma St	+16	Virginia Tech	+13
Bowling Green	+15	Louisville	+11
Utah	+15	Troy	+11
Miami FL	+14	Boise St	+10
Iowa	+13	Iowa St	+10

Let's take a look at some teams who had terrible luck (lots of turnovers) in one year then drastically improved the next year without those turnovers.

In 1996, Wash St was -10 in turnovers and they made this column. They went from 5-6 all the way to 10-2, losing in a close Rose Bowl game. Two teams (Missouri and Pittsburgh) went from -10 or more turnovers and poor seasons in 1996, then turned into bowl teams in 1997.

In 1998, 8 of the 11 teams in this category had better records and most of them showed significant improvement. BYU, Illinois, Texas, Rutgers and Louisville all improved by anywhere from 3 to 6 games in the win column!

In 1999, 10 teams went from double digit negative turnovers to stronger seasons, including Hawaii (previously mentioned), Clemson and Illinois also went from losing teams to bowl squads.

Iowa St was a poor 4-7 in 1999, but were actually only outscored by an average of 2 points per game despite being MINUS 10 in turnovers. Naturally they made this article and not only achieved a winning record but went 9-3 with a bowl win. They finished +5 in turnovers in 2000.

In 2001, 15 teams made this article after having double digit negative turnovers in 2000. Only 2 of the 15 teams had a weaker record in 2001!!! Teams like Utah, USC, North Carolina and Louisiana Tech all made it to bowl games after sitting home for the holidays in 2000.

In 2002, California went from -18 and a 1-10 season to 7-5 (+18), a winning record!! Penn St went from -11 to +12 in turnovers and their record went from 5-6 to 9-4.

In 2002 Purdue led the Big 10 in both offense and defense but finished just 7-6 due to -10 in turnovers and 9 missed FG's. They lost a lot of close games. In 2003, the team benefitted from +12 in turnovers and this time most of the close games went their way. They finished 9-3 during the regular season and were a Big 10 contender.

Navy was 2-10 in 2002, but -14 in TO's for the year. In 2003 they held onto the ball much better and improved to an 8 win season and a bowl berth. Memphis also went from a double-digit TO losing year to a bowl in 2003.

Last year North Carolina, UTEP and Texas A&M all made this list and went from losing seasons to a bowl bid after having been snakebit by double digit negative turnovers in 2003. Overall 14 teams made this list last year and TEN (1 had the same amount of wins) had better records in 2004 (71%)!!

As I previously stated, if a team received bad breaks the year before, they will usually be headed for better fortune the following year. In the past 12 years, there have been 143 teams that have finished the season minus double digits in turnovers. Of those 143 teams, 95 (66%) have had better records the next year! Which teams are headed for better fortunes and better seasons?

GOING UP?

SMU	-19	W Michigan	-13
Washington	-19	Colorado St	-12
NC State	-17	Tulsa	-11
UNLV	-17	BYU	-10
Baylor	-15	Miami OH	-10
Georgia Tech	-13	Michigan St	-10
Nebraska	-13	South Florida	-10

If you like this type of information, you will love the front page of Power Sweep. Each week in "This Week's News and Notes," I review such information as "Misleading Final Scores" and much, much more. Keep tabs on all of these teams this year and watch how turnovers WILL EQUAL turnaround in 2005!

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WHICH TEAM PLAYS THE TOUGHEST SCHEDULE?

The question arises each year, "Who plays the toughest schedule?" At the beginning of the season, the NCAA usually releases a rating of each team's schedule based on their opponents' win/loss record from the previous season. This is a good method but it does have its flaws.

The first flaw is basing the ratings on opponents' records from last year. Let's look at a clear cut example from 2001. Nebraska opened with a pair of games vs Troy and TCU. Troy was in their first year of IA ball. TCU was a Top 20 team in 2000 but was in a rebuilding year with a new coach in 2001. San Jose St opened with a pair of teams that were in my Top 20 in terms of talent in 2001 (Colorado and USC). Both made it to bowls that year with Colorado just missing out on playing in the National Title game. Clearly San Jose St faced the much tougher pair of opening games. However, based on 2000's records, the NCAA would say that Nebraska, whose foes were a combined 19-4 (83%) in 2000, faced a VASTLY tougher schedule than San Jose St whose foes were a paltry 8-15 (35%)!!! That is a MAJOR flaw as USC and Colorado would both have been prohibitive favorites over TCU and Troy in 2001.

The second flaw is basing it on pure overall records. If a team plays a IAA school that was 12-0 in 2003, that would count as a MUCH tougher game in the NCAA ratings than facing a team like NC St, Maryland, Kansas St or Nebraska, all teams that had losing seasons last year but should be bowl teams this year. To give you an example from 2002, my ratings foresaw that teams playing Kansas St were facing a Top 10 team based on my preseason ratings. The NCAA strength of schedule ranking rated a game against a power like Kansas St as just a game vs a 6-6 opponent, which was their record the previous year. Kansas St finished #7 in the AP poll for 2002 and walloped their opponents by an average score of 45-12, not exactly numbers from a typical middle of the road opponent. In 2003 my power ratings had both Nebraska and Purdue as Top 25 teams but the NCAA only gave the teams credit for the 7-7 and 7-6 records they had in 2002 and once again, facing a Top 25 team is a far cry from facing a .500 foe.

Let me delve a little further in 2003's ratings. Coming into the year, I rated Notre Dame as the team that would face the toughest schedule for the 2003 season and when the season was over, they did indeed face THE toughest schedule. The NCAA rankings at the start of the year only had their schedule ranked the 49th toughest, a fairly average slate. Let's take a look at some of their opponents from 2003 to further explain why the NCAA's rating based on previous years' records for opponents is so far off. The Irish faced 10 bowl eligible teams with only BYU and Stanford not making the cut. Their opponents in 2003 were a combined 97-55, which finished as the third toughest schedule in the country by the NCAA rankings, the same ones that had them #49 heading into the year. Once again, my strength of schedule is based on THIS YEAR'S team NOT last year's record. Mich St was a poor 4-8 in 2002 and that is the team the NCAA gave ND credit for facing. My power ratings had the Spartans as a bowl caliber team and they ended up 8-5. Navy was a 2-10 team in 2002 which is what the NCAA method logged in for ND but Navy was one of the most improved teams in the country and would make it to a bowl. My overall ratings had the Irish facing 11 bowl caliber foes prior to the season, while basing it on their opponents' final records of 2002 it looked like a mediocre slate. They ended up facing the teams that were ranked #1, #6, #9, #11 and #18 in the final AP poll plus bowl squads from Pitt, Navy, Mich St, and BC. Hardly a mediocre schedule as they faced 9 teams with winning records, the 2nd highest total in the NCAA that year!

Lets take a look at a couple of examples from 2003. Alabama took on the 3rd toughest schedule in 2003 and coupled with some other problems, they dropped from 10-3 to just 4-9. Iowa St took on the 8th toughest schedule and went from 7-6 to 2-10. NINE teams that took on my Top 14 schedules ended the season with a losing record!! Who benefitted from the easiest schedules in 2003 to get to a bowl? Memphis took on the #111 slate, Boise St #109, Navy #108, North Texas #105 and Tulsa #98. Two of those teams went from losing records to a RARE bowl appearance. At the start of 2002, Ohio St did not rank in my Top 10 (in terms of talent) in any of my 7 sets of preseason power ratings but three of them called for an undefeated season for the 7-5 Buckeyes. My preseason strength of schedule said they only faced the 38th toughest schedule and it finished at #40. The schedule was a factor in them taking home the National Title. In 2003 these pages showed LSU to have the #47 schedule. Much like Ohio St, I said many of my sets of power ratings had them going undefeated and they were my #2 Surprise Team in the front of the magazine. Here is a list of who ended up playing the toughest schedules in 2004. The 2004 bowl eligible teams are in **boldface**.

2004's TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

1. Oregon St	41. Michigan St	81. S Florida
2. N Carolina	42. Kansas St	**82. Louisville**
3. Arizona St	43. Mississippi	83. Rice
4. Texas A&M	**44. S Carolina**	84. UCF
5. Arizona	**45. Wisconsin**	**85. Marshall**
6. Notre Dame	**46. LSU**	86. Ball St
7. Washington	**47. Syracuse**	87. Utah St
8. Stanford	48. Colorado St	88. Tulane
9. Iowa	**49. Iowa St**	89. Tulsa
10. Miami, Fl	50. Mississippi St	**90. Memphis**
11. Ohio St	**51. Virginia Tech**	91. Arkansas St
12. UCLA	**52. New Mexico**	**92. Fresno St**
13. USC	53. Houston	**93. Akron**
14. Northwestern	54. Vanderbilt	94. San Jose St
15. Kentucky	**55. Minnesota**	**95. Toledo**
16. Kansas	56. Wake Forest	96. Idaho
17. Arkansas	57. Nebraska	**97. Hawaii**
18. Georgia	**58. Florida**	98. New Mexico St
19. Maryland	59. Illinois	**99. Connecticut**
20. Colorado	60. Louisiana Tech	**100. Boise St**
21. California	61. UNLV	**101. UTEP**
22. Clemson	62. E Carolina	102. W Michigan
23. Oklahoma	**63. Cincinnati**	**103. Navy**
24. Michigan	**64. Auburn**	**104. Miami, Oh**
25. Florida St	65. Rutgers	**105. Troy**
26. Oregon	66. Temple	**106. N Illinois**
27. Georgia Tech	67. Air Force	107. Buffalo
28. Texas Tech	**68. S Mississippi**	108. Ohio
29. Washington St	**69. Alabama**	109. Nevada
30. BYU	70. San Diego St	110. C Michigan
31. Indiana	71. SMU	111. UL Monroe
32. Baylor	72. Missouri	**112. Bowling Green**
33. Oklahoma St	73. TCU	**113. North Texas**
34. Duke	**74. Boston College**	114. Kent St
35. NC State	75. Army	115. E Michigan
36. Penn St	**76. Pittsburgh**	116. Middle Tenn
37. Tennessee	**77. Wyoming**	117. Louisiana-Lft
38. Virginia	**78. W Virginia**	118. Florida Atl
39. Purdue	**79. Utah**	119. Florida Int'l
40. Texas	**80. UAB**	

Now let us turn our attention to 2005. This year I again decided to see what the NCAA would come up with for toughest opponents faced and compare them to my chart which I always list in the magazine. Let us first look at the NCAA rankings. To the upper right is a chart of all 119 teams and the combined opponents' records for this year. It is ranked in order of highest % of opponent wins (or toughest schedule) to lowest % of opponent wins (or easiest schedule).

On the next page are my rankings for the nation's toughest schedules this year. These rankings take two major factors into account. The first is my 7 sets of personal power ratings. This insures that a IAA team is rated much lower than Notre Dame (6-6 last year) or NC St (5-6 but will be Top 25).

The second area is the amount of home and away games played. As an example, this year there are plenty of teams with seven home games on the schedule. In contrast, Idaho has basically seven road games. Naturally, if a team plays more games on the road, their schedule is tougher.

2005's OPPONENT WINNING %

	Foe Wins	Foe Loss	Foe Win%
1. N Carolina	87	43	66.9%
2. Temple	83	47	63.8%
3. Stanford	81	47	63.3%
4. Kansas	81	49	62.3%
4. Georgia Tech	81	49	62.3%
6. Arizona	79	50	61.2%
7. Oklahoma St	79	51	60.8%
8. Ball St	78	51	60.5%
9. Arkansas	77	51	60.2%
10. Northwestern	77	52	59.7%
10. Maryland	77	52	59.7%
12. Notre Dame	78	53	59.5%
13. Syracuse	75	54	58.1%
13. Oregon	75	54	58.1%
15. Oregon St	73	53	57.9%
16. Texas A&M	74	55	57.4%
17. West Virginia	73	55	57.0%
17. Rutgers	73	55	57.0%
19. Washington	73	56	56.6%
20. Alabama	72	56	56.3%
20. Kentucky	72	56	56.3%
22. Texas Tech	71	56	55.9%
22. Miss St	71	56	55.9%
24. Minnesota	72	57	55.8%
24. Kansas St	72	57	55.8%
24. LSU	72	57	55.8%
27. New Mex St	80	64	55.6%
28. Baylor	71	57	55.5%
28. UCLA	71	57	55.5%
28. NC State	71	57	55.5%
28. Georgia	71	57	55.5%
32. Michigan	71	58	55.0%
32. Duke	71	58	55.0%
34. Indiana	69	58	54.3%
35. Ohio St	70	59	54.3%
35. Wash St	70	59	54.3%
35. Florida	70	59	54.3%
38. Colorado	68	58	54.0%
38. UL Monroe	68	58	54.0%
40. Virginia Tech	69	59	53.9%
40. Cincinnati	69	59	53.9%
42. Penn St	69	60	53.5%
42. Texas	69	60	53.5%
42. Louisville	69	60	53.5%
45. Hawaii	75	66	53.2%
46. Iowa	68	60	53.1%
46. Illinois	68	60	53.1%
46. Nebraska	68	60	53.1%
46. Mississippi	68	60	53.1%
46. S Florida	68	60	53.1%
51. Ohio	69	61	53.1%
52. Utah St	74	66	52.9%
53. Army	66	59	52.8%
54. Pittsburgh	67	60	52.8%
55. S Carolina	68	61	52.7%
56. Boise St	74	67	52.5%
57. BYU	66	60	52.4%
58. Tennessee	67	61	52.3%
58. Colorado St	67	61	52.3%
60. USC	72	67	51.8%
60. San Diego St	72	67	51.8%
62. Wisconsin	73	68	51.8%
63. Clemson	65	61	51.6%
63. Vanderbilt	65	61	51.6%
65. Missouri	66	62	51.6%
66. Troy	63	60	51.2%
67. Florida St	64	61	51.2%
68. Oklahoma	65	62	51.2%
68. Connecticut	65	62	51.2%
70. Michigan St	66	63	51.2%
70. Miami, Fl	66	63	51.2%
70. Virginia	66	63	51.2%
73. Tulsa	65	63	50.8%
74. San Jose St	66	64	50.8%
75. Florida Atl	63	62	50.4%
76. W Michigan	64	63	50.4%
77. Auburn	63	63	50.0%
77. Fresno St	71	71	50.0%
77. TCU	63	63	50.0%
77. New Mexico	62	62	50.0%
77. Buffalo	64	64	50.0%
82. Marshall	64	65	49.6%
82. Louisiana Tech	64	65	49.6%
84. Louisiana-Lft	62	63	49.6%
85. UAB	63	65	49.2%
86. Boston Coll	62	64	49.2%
87. Purdue	62	65	48.8%
87. Arizona St	62	65	48.8%
89. Wake Forest	61	64	48.8%
90. Wyoming	60	64	48.4%
91. Florida Int'l	55	59	48.2%
92. Kent St	61	66	48.0%
93. Miami, Oh	60	65	48.0%
94. UNLV	60	66	47.6%
95. Rice	60	67	47.2%
95. N Illinois	60	67	47.2%
97. Air Force	59	66	47.2%
97. North Texas	59	66	47.2%
99. E Michigan	60	68	46.9%
100. Iowa St	59	67	46.8%
101. Bowling Green	59	68	46.5%
102. Nevada	58	69	45.7%
103. Akron	57	69	45.2%
104. Arkansas St	56	68	45.2%
105. Houston	57	70	44.9%
105. Idaho	57	70	44.9%
107. California	56	69	44.8%
108. UCF	55	70	44.0%
109. Middle Tenn	54	70	43.5%
110. Tulane	54	72	42.9%
111. SMU	53	73	42.1%
112. Memphis	53	75	41.4%
113. C Michigan	52	74	41.3%
114. Utah	51	73	41.1%
115. E Carolina	52	75	40.9%
116. UTEP	51	75	40.5%
117. Toledo	50	74	40.3%
118. S Mississippi	50	76	39.7%
119. Navy	43	79	35.2%

Listed on page 318 is this year's toughest schedules rated from the most difficult to the easiest. The toughest schedule goes to North Carolina who plays in the tough ACC and have non-conference games vs Wisconsin, Utah and Louisville teams who were a combined 32-4 last year. They face 9 teams that were bowl eligible last year.

Let's pick out some teams to show you the flaws of just using last year's overall opponent records. ULM takes on the NCAA's 38th toughest schedule with their opponents from last year at 68-58 (54%). This "tough" schedule includes 3 teams who were in IAA ball 2 years ago with 7 Sun Belt games and a IAA foe. How can you call that the 38th toughest schedule in the country?? There are 95 schools that play in the Big Ten, Big 12, Big East, Pac 10, ACC, SEC, WAC, Mt West and CUSA and any coach of those teams would love

to trade their schedule for ULM's which my ratings rank as the 109th toughest schedule.

Picking out a MAC or a Sun Belt team's schedule and showing how flawed it is by just using last year's opponents win/loss, is like shooting fish in a barrel. According to last year's records, Ball St will play the 8th toughest schedule, New Mexico St #27, Utah St #52 and Troy #66. As I detailed above, I know 95 teams that would swap their schedule with these "TOUGHIES" in a minute.

Let me get a little more in-depth and point out some flaws among the major conferences. According to last year's records, Wake Forest has an easy schedule at #89 with their opponents combining for a losing record last year. Some of their "lightweight" foes include Nebraska, Maryland, and NC St. These teams will be in the Top 40 at this season's end and most likely in the Top 25. I rate them as such but each had a losing record last year. They also battle Miami Fl, Florida St, Georgia Tech, BC and Clemson, all who were bowl eligible last year and figure to be again this year. Oklahoma faces teams with a combined record of 65-62 this season and that should be an easy schedule which the NCAA method rates #68. I see 4 bowl caliber teams that had losing records last year on their slate in Kansas St, Nebraska, Kansas and TCU. They play in the toughest division in the NCAA with NATIONAL title contenders Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech and also draw UCLA from the Pac 10.

Last year on these pages I looked at Iowa St's schedule and forecasted a turnaround season. Of their 11 foes, only 1 ranked in my Top 25 at the start of the year. While teams like Northern Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska all had great seasons in 2003, I said they were far from powers in 2004. Based on 2003's records, Iowa St faced the 8th toughest schedule in the country!!!!! My ratings had their schedule at #60 and I felt only 1 of their foes would be in the Top 25 and just 5 or 6 in bowls (which is a low number for a BCS school) at the end of the year. When the dust cleared, Iowa St faced only 5 bowl teams and came within a missed FG of winning the weak Big 12 North, hardly the 8th toughest schedule in the land.

As a comparison I also said that based on 2003's record, Kentucky had the 105th toughest schedule or 15th easiest with their opponents just 63-76 (45%). I looked at their schedule and saw 5 Top 25 contenders, as well as projected 2004 bowl teams like South Carolina and Louisville. I said that Kentucky clearly played a much tougher schedule than Iowa St, yet based strictly on last year's records, Iowa St plays the 8th toughest and Kentucky the 15th easiest. UK's foes finished the year at 75-54 58.1%, hardly an easy schedule.

Here are the teams with the biggest discrepancy in the two methods of determining toughest schedule and you can check out each team's schedules and see which method you think is better. I list the difference in ranking between the two in ( )'s. Most UNDERRATED schedules (i.e. teams that face a tougher slate than NCAA % rankings): 1. Arizona St (79), 2. Wake Forest (68), 3. California (61), 4. USC (51), 5. Mich St (50), 6. Oklahoma (50), 7. Purdue (47), 8. Miami, Fl (47), 9. Clemson (47), 10. Utah (45). Also look at Navy this year. They are the only IA team that does not face a team that had a winning record last year and by the NCAA method faced the weakest schedule in the country. I look at their schedule and see teams like Notre Dame, Maryland, Rutgers, Tulane, Kent and Air Force as all possible bowl teams this year and rate it #81. They face no IAA foes and no teams from the Sun Belt.

Here are the most OVERRATED schedules (i.e. teams that face an easier slate than NCAA % rankings): 1. UL Monroe (71), 2. Ball St (69), 3. Rutgers (69), 4. West Virginia (51), 5. Okla St (51), 6. Kansas (50), 7. New Mexico St (49), 8. Troy (48), 9. Army (47), 10. Syracuse (47).

As usual the teams playing the toughest schedules did not meet with a great deal of success. In last year's magazine, I rated my toughest schedule prior to the year. Among the Top 17 toughest slates, four teams went from being in a bowl in 2003 to no bowl game last year.

PHIL STEELE'S 2005 TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

1. North Carolina	31. Tennessee	61. Texas Tech	91. S Mississippi
2. Notre Dame	32. Nebraska	62. Colorado St	92. Boise St
3. Northwestern	33. Georgia	63. Wyoming	93. Nevada
4. Arizona	34. Vanderbilt	64. South Florida	94. Utah St
5. UCLA	35. Wisconsin	65. New Mexico	95. Buffalo
6. Oregon	36. South Carolina	66. TCU	96. Fresno St
7. Georgia Tech	37. Indiana	67. Cincinnati	97. East Carolina
8. Arizona St	38. Alabama	68. West Virginia	98. UAB
9. USC	39. Arkansas	69. Utah	99. Florida Atlantic
10. Oregon St	40. Purdue	70. Air Force	100. Army
11. Colorado	41. Baylor	71. Rice	101. Memphis
12. Washington	42. Virginia Tech	72. BYU	102. Bowling Green
13. Illinois	43. Iowa	73. Hawaii	103. W Michigan
14. Stanford	44. Kentucky	74. Tulsa	104. C Michigan
15. Texas	45. Penn St	75. Marshall	105. E Michigan
16. Clemson	46. California	76. New Mexico St	106. Akron
17. Ohio St	47. Boston College	77. Ball St	107. Miami, Oh
18. Oklahoma	48. Mississippi	78. UNLV	108. N Illinois
19. Minnesota	49. Washington St	79. Louisville	109. UL Monroe
20. Michigan St	50. NC State	80. SMU	110. Tulane
21. Wake Forest	51. LSU	81. Navy	111. North Texas
22. Maryland	52. Kansas St	82. Pittsburgh	112. Kent St
23. Miami, Fl	53. Duke	83. Houston	113. UTEP
24. Florida	54. Kansas	84. Idaho	114. Troy
25. Temple	55. Missouri	85. Louisiana Tech	115. Florida Int'l
26. Virginia	56. Auburn	86. Rutgers	116. Louisiana-Lft
27. Florida St	57. Iowa St	87. Ohio	117. Toledo
28. Mississippi St	58. Oklahoma St	88. UCF	118. Middle Tenn
29. Texas A&M	59. San Diego St	89. Connecticut	119. Arkansas St
30. Michigan	60. Syracuse	90. San Jose St	

How did the teams that faced the toughest 20 schedules in my ratings fare the previous years? In 2002 of the teams that faced the 21 toughest schedules, only two made it into my Top 10 at the end of the year. In 2001 of the teams that faced my Top 20 schedules, only 1 team made it into the Top 10 at the end of the year (Tennessee) while none of the teams that faced the Top 20 toughest schedules in 2000 made it in!! The highest finisher in 2000 was Michigan at #11.

Conversely in 1996, Army & Wyoming faced the two easiest schedules and were a combined 20-2 during the regular season. In 1998 (in this article) I pointed out that Tulane had a similar soft schedule and they simply went UNDEFEATED! In 1999 I asked, "Who will be this year's Tulane?" And answered myself by saying Marshall. The Herd then thundered their way to another UNDEFEATED season!!! TCU had a shot at an undefeated season in 2000 and simply went 10-1 in the regular season. In 2003 I noted the strongest teams playing the easiest schedules. I said TCU, facing the #97 schedule, was one of my surprise teams and they flirted with an undefeated season. **Last year, I listed both Utah and Boise as non-BCS teams with talent, an easy schedule and a shot to run the table and both finished the regular season unbeaten!!! This year the non-BCS teams with the easiest schedules and the talent to run the table are Fresno St, Utah and UTEP.** The easiest schedules for BCS teams belongs to Connecticut, Rutgers, Pitt and Louisville, so keep your eyes on these up-and-comers.

Last year I added a new feature to this article and took a look at the teams who have much easier and much tougher schedules than the previous year. I listed the 10 teams who took on the most improved (softer) schedules in 2004 than 2003. Out of the 10 teams, NINE had worse records in 2004 than 2003 or 90%!!!!! The only team that improved was West Virginia which went from 8-5 to 8-4. Overall the 10 teams had a combined record in 2003 of 51-75 40.4% in 2003 and improved to 69-50 58% last year including Auburn which went from 8-5 to a perfect 12-0 and Iowa St which went from 2-10 to a bowl!!! Here are the teams with easier schedules that should have better success in 2005 and the number in the parenthesis is the difference (easier) from last year's schedule.

GOING UP????

1. BYU (42)	6. Houston (30)
2. Kansas (38)	7. Kentucky (29)
3. E Carolina (35)	8. Arkansas St (28)
4. Iowa (34)	9. Texas A&M (25)
5. Texas Tech (33)	10. Army (25)

Last year we took a look at the 10 teams that faced a tougher schedule in 2004 and I said their records may drop because of it. Those ten teams combined for a 72-55 57% mark in 2003 but the same 10 were just 44-67 39.6% last year!!!! Once again 90% of the teams saw their record go down and the only team that did not was Vandy which went from 2-10 to 2-9 because they played one less game!! The most notable dropees that made the list were powerhouses Kansas St and Maryland who were coming off 11 and 10 win seasons respectively and both had losing seasons!!! Here are the teams with harder schedules that may see some dropoff in 2005 and the number in the parenthesis is the difference (harder) from last year's schedule.

GOING DOWN???

1. Navy (22)	6. Boston College (27)
2. Miss St (22)	7. Wake Forest (35)
3. New Mexico St (22)	8. Minnesota (36)
4. Texas (25)	9. Temple (41)
5. Hawaii (24)	10. Illinois (46)

The computer shows me that there are some other teams with one or more of the sets of power ratings calling them to have undefeated seasons. Naturally if a team is projected at the top of my power ratings, they have a greater chance of going unbeaten. In 2002 three sets called for Ohio St to go unbeaten and the Buckeyes were the surprise team in the country. In 2003 11 teams were rated in two or more sets of my power ratings with a perfect record and that included the Big 3, LSU, USC and Oklahoma. The Top 6 in the final AP poll were all among the 11 teams I listed on this page. Last year 14 teams made the list and 5 teams finished the regular season unbeaten with 4 of them on the list (USC, Oklahoma, Boise, Utah). Here are this years teams which one or more sets of my power ratings forecast a perfect season possibility for USC, Texas, Purdue, Ohio St, Michigan, Miami Fl, Virg Tech, Florida St, LSU, Utah, and Louisville. Keep in mind that good health, a positive turnover ratio and a little luck are needed to go unbeaten. I hope your favorite team has a favorable schedule.

LSU
DT Claude Wroten

Coaching Changes

by Phil Steele

There is something to be said for coaching stability as it usually takes a couple of years for a new head coach to get a program going. They usually have their best success when they have a team full of their own recruits and their offensive and defensive systems have been in place for a couple of years. The first few years can be rough on a new head coach as they inherit players who now have to learn new schemes on both offense and defense and he has to learn the individual players strengths and weaknesses. Pete Carroll is going for his third straight National Title but in his first year the Trojans opened up at 2-5 and finished at just 6-6 after the bowl. Tommy Tuberville's first team at Auburn was just 5-6 but last year in his 6th season they were a perfect 13-0. Nick Saban's first LSU team started off 3-3 and finished just 8-4 but in his 4th year they won a share of the National Title. In Bob Stoops first year at Oklahoma, the Sooners were just 7-5 including a bowl loss to Mississippi. They have not lost more than two games in a season since. Dennis Franchione's first years at New Mexico and Texas A&M (combined 7-16) both resulted in losing seasons but they rebounded to winning years after that. Les Miles went 4-7 in his first year at Okla St but had 3 winning years after that. Al Groh's first year at Virginia produced a 5-7 record but he has had 3 winning years since. Jim Tressel was just 7-5 his first year but won a National Title in his 2nd. Kirk Ferentz was a combined 4-19 his first two seasons but the Hawkeyes have now been to 3 straight Jan bowls. Tom O'Brien was just 8-14 his first 2 years but has taken BC to 6 straight bowls winning the last 5. Sonny Lubick's first Colorado St team had a losing season but he followed it up with 10 straight winning seasons. Pat Hill's first two Fresno St teams went a combined 11-12 but since then have had 6 straight winning years.

I could continue with examples of excellent coaches who have struggled in their first year or two (like Woody Hayes who won just 4 games in his first season at Ohio St). The reason I bring these up are twofold. First it shows that Athletic Directors should have a little more patience before firing a head coach for a losing season. Also I wanted to point out that this year I have added individual unit rankings in the lower right hand corner on each of the conference pages. You will notice that I have FIRST year coaching staffs graded lower than you would normally expect. As an example I have Terry Hoeppner and the coaching staff at Indiana rated tied at the bottom of the Big 10 (with another 1st year HC Ron Zook) in the coaching rankings. This does not mean I think they are the weakest coaching staffs in the Big 10 but since they are in their first year in a tough league they are behind more established coaches.

Speaking of patience what sparked this article this year was Ole Miss' dumping of David Cutcliffe just one year after the Rebels shared the SEC West Title with LSU. East Carolina fired John Thompson after just two years which really does not even give the new guy a chance.

SLOW STARTERS

Let me go over some programs that stuck with coaches for much longer than expected thru many losing seasons but have ultimately been rewarded. The best example comes from Virginia Tech. Frank Beamer had successive years of 2-9, 3-8, 6-4-1, 6-5, 5-6 and 2-8-1 to start his tenure. Amazingly Virginia Tech stuck with him. Can you imagine another program that would stick with a head coach thru a streak like that?? Beamer has done an amazing job building his program including having one of the best strength training programs in the country. They are now a National Title contender on a yearly basis and simply won the ACC title in their inaugural year despite being picked 7th in the preseason ACC poll. Joe Novak started out 1-10, 0-11, 2-9 and 5-6 his first 4 years at N Illinois and once again, they opted to stick with him. They have simply had 5 consecutive winning seasons since. Darrell Dickey was DONE at North Texas. His first 3 teams went 3-8, 2-9 and 3-8 and in 2001 they opened the season 0-5. Their AD was under HEAVY pressure to get rid of Dickey not just at the end of the season but RIGHT THEN so they could have some hope. Since that point NT has simply won an amazing 25 consecutive SBC games (including the final 5 in 2001!) and gone to FOUR straight bowl games with 4 straight league titles! Navy's Paul Johnson went 2-10 in his first year but the Middies have been to two straight bowls winning 8 and 10 games in those seasons. Rocky Long inherited a New Mexico team that went 9-4 in Franchione's last season and his first squad went just 3-9. Two more losing seasons followed but they stuck with him and the team has now had 4 consecutive years of .500 or better taking the team to 3 bowls. Jeff Bower took over a team at S Miss that was 8-4 in 1990. His first team went 4-7 and two years later when expectations were high for his team that returned 16 starters they were a woeful 2-8-1. SM surprisingly stuck with him and the Golden Eagles have now had 11 straight winning years. Walt Harris' 2nd Pitt squad went just 2-9 and followed that the next year with another losing season. Clearly a lot of alumni thought the program was headed in the wrong direction but they had 5 straight winning seasons after that and were in a BCS bowl game last year. Barry Alvarez took over at Wisconsin he went 1-10 in his first year and followed that up with two more losing seasons. The Badgers have simply been to 10 bowl games since with an amazing 3 Rose Bowl wins in that span! Dan McCarney of Iowa St had his team go 3-8, 2-9, 1-10, 3-8 and 4-7 his first FIVE years. Can you imagine an AD in today's climate sticking with this guy? The Cyclones have since gone to 4 bowl games in the last 5 years! Bill Snyder went 1-10 at Kansas St in his first year and had 3 losing seasons his first 4 years but they stuck with him and he rewarded them with 11 straight winning years taking an also-ran and making them a National Title contender. As you can see sometimes patience is a virtue.

BAYLORED

OK let's take a look at the Baylor situation. Constant head coaching changes are a bad thing. I mentioned earlier that when a new head coach comes in he struggles early as the players have to learn his systems and he has to learn the players strengths and weaknesses. He also inherits another coaches players and many times they not only do not fit his system but they signed with the school because of the other coaching staff. Many times personality or disciplinary conflicts arise and many players depart a program after a coaching change, leaving a team short on scholarships as well. I call this section "Baylored" because that school provides the most prominent example of how constant head coaching changes hurts a program. Let's go back to 1996. Baylor had 6 winning years out of 7 despite facing their tough SWC foes on a weekly basis. They were 7-5 in 1994 and 7-4 in 1995 and the amazing part was that HC Chuck Reedy was bringing in recruiting classes on par with teams like Texas and Texas A&M, even finishing ahead of the big boys some years! In this day and age a winning record for a Big 12 team would make them a perennial bowl team. In 1996 they had a nightmare season as the team was besieged by injuries and also dropped some close games like a 28-24 loss to Oklahoma, a 28-23 loss to Texas and a triple OT loss 49-42 to Missouri. (those type of losses would look pretty good currently). They still finished 4-7 and clearly, if not for the injuries, could have had a winning season. Amazingly Baylor FIRED coach Reedy! That was 1996. They have played EIGHT years of football since and have not topped THREE WINS in a single year! First they brought in Dave Roberts in 1997 and then after two losing seasons FIRED him! They brought in Kevin Steele and gave him 4 years before the axe fell. As mentioned with constant coaching changes keeping the full compliment of scholarship players has been a problem. Baylor has a record of 6-66 in the Big 12 and some years has been outgained by an avg of over 200 ypg in league play. Hopefully they will give Guy Morriss some time as he has made strides with this team that have been handicapped by constant coaching turnover.

SOME TOUGH SHOES TO FILL

Following a legend is never easy. Vince Lombardi had an incredible run with the Green Bay Packers but after 4 straight NFL titles, stepped down. Phil Bengtson was the unlucky guy who took over a team where anything less than an NFL title would be considered a weak season. Unfortunately he not only failed to bring home a championship but suffered 2 losing seasons in 3 years before being fired after a 1-4 start in '72. Ron Zook had the misfortune of being the guy that took over for Steve Spurrier at Florida. A few days after taking the job www.fireronzook.com got started and anything less than an undefeated season and National Title was construed as a failure. Some other coaches stepped into tough spots recently. Dennis Franchione left TCU after a great 10-2 season to take the job at Alabama. Gary Patterson unfortunately went 6-6 his first year but did flirt with an unbeaten season in 2003. At Ohio Jim Grobe had one of the best seasons at the school in recent memory in 2000 going 7-4 and contending for the MAC title. He left for the ACC and Brian Knorr inherited raised expectations but was let go after 4 losing seasons. Tommy Bowden led Tulane to a 12-0 season in 1998 with 16 returning starters. He left for Clemson and Chris Scelfo inherited a rebuilding squad and had nowhere to go but down in his first year and they went just 3-8 but he has guided the team to two winning seasons since then.

Some coaches have stepped into this type of tough situation and thrived. Urban Meyer led Bowling Green to a super 9-3 season and left for Utah and his ass't Gregg Brandon guided them to 11 and 9 win seasons the last two years including a pair of bowl wins. Mike Price led Wash St to their first ever back-to-back 10 win seasons in the school's *history before bolting for Alabama*. Long time ass't Bill Doba took over and led them to ANOTHER 10 win season and a Holiday Bowl win over #4 Texas. Dirk Koetter left Boise St after a 10-2 season, their best ever, and while Dan Hawkins' first squad "only" went 8-4 he has done a remarkable job including last year's undefeated regular season.

RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

There are just some coaching openings that have early success written all over them. Last year for example I pointed out many times in the magazine that UTEP's Mike Price was stepping into a great spot. Gary Nord took over at UTEP and guided the team to a 8-4 record and a rare bowl in his first year. He opted to build the program the right way by getting away from bringing in JUCO's and not only signed almost all freshmen but redshirted most of them, building the team's depth. He suffered thru 3 losing seasons but had put all of his eggs in the basket of the 2004 season as he knew he would have success with a deep and veteran squad. Unfortunately they fired him so Mike Price took over a team that had -15 in turnovers the previous year (see page 312) and was just 2-11. When a new head coach comes in early season success gives a team that had been losing new found confidence. They then buy into the new coach's program more quickly. UTEP went on to a great 8-4 year and has solid depth again this year thanks to Nord biting the bullet and taking those redshirts. Keith Burns was doing the same thing at Tulsa and like Nord did not catch many breaks his last few years as his team was hit hard by injuries. His final team had just 9 seniors and naturally new head coach Kragthorpe inherited a team with the most returning starters in the WAC (17). Some early season success had them a more confident bunch and the team rewarded the new guy going from 1-11 to 8-4. Urban Meyer took over a Utah team that was one of the most snakebitten teams in the NCAA in 2002. In 2000, 2001 and 2002 Utah was among the MWC leaders in ypg vs conf foes and in 2000 and 2002 they finished with losing seasons overall despite outgaining and outscoring their opponents on the year. In 2002 they had FIVE losses by 8 pts or less! The talent was there and when Meyer achieved some early season success, the team started gaining confidence and won those

close games that escaped his predecessor Ron McBride. Just two years later they were undefeated. There were 13 new head coaches last year and the only one beside Mike Price that took over a snakebitten team (with a 4th year starting Sr QB) was Mark Dantonio. He is the only other coach that took over a losing squad and guided them to a bowl. In 2003 Cincinnati was 2-6 in CUSA play but outgained foes by 86 ppg in a jinxed season and had 17 starters back last year.

Now let's take a look at SOME of this year's head coaches and I will put them into some of the categories listed above. Keep in mind many of this years new guys will go thru the typical 1st years that new head coaches go thru that I talked about in the opening.

2005 NEW COACHES RIGHT PLACE RIGHT TIME:

BRONCO MENDENHALL, BYU

Mendenhall inherits a team that has had 3 consecutive losing seasons and has been a particularly snakebitten team as of late. Last year they were -10 in turnovers (see page 312), and playing a much softer schedule (see Going Up Chart page 318) could easily have had a winning record. Their K missed a game winning FG on the last play or they would have upset a Boise St team that was undefeated in the regular season. They had a 449-259 yard edge yet lost to UNLV by 4 primarily due to turnovers. They had a 20-13 FD edge vs New Mexico and lost by a TD thanks to 3 missed FG's and 6 dropped passes. Since Mendenhall was the defensive coordinator last year there will be no adjustment period while the D learns new schemes. They are a talented team that should have been in a bowl last year and will be this season.

URBAN MEYER, FLORIDA

Meyer has done some outstanding things at Bowling Green and Utah and now has far more talent than he has ever had to work with as the head man. Ron Zook was a tireless recruiter and this roster is stacked including a 3rd year starting QB in Chris Leak. The Gators have actually lost 5 games in each of the last THREE years but this year's squad with 15 returning starters will likely be favored in at least 9 or 10 of their 11 games this year. The Gators will definitely improve their record and if they get some breaks could contend for the National Title.

LES MILES, LSU

While Miles does not inherit a slam dunk situation like Florida because LSU has lost just 3 games in the last 2 years and won a share of the National Title in 2003, (Florida has 3 straight years of 5 loss seasons) he does have a great shot at winning the National Title. Nick Saban had a tough choice leaving as this team is loaded with talent and has the schedule to win it all just as they did in 2003.

TY WILLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

Washington was one of the powerhouses in the Pac 10 for the last 2 decades but probation and coaching changes left Keith Gilbertson with a thin squad and last year they were ravaged by injuries and -19 in turnovers (see page 312). Willingham is taking over a team that went 1-10 last year after having 27 consecutive non-losing seasons. Willingham can only improve the team's record and they can only get BETTER in turnovers and injuries. While still thin they have talent and this is a team capable of going from a losing season to a winning one.

BILL CUBIT, WESTERN MICHIGAN

Gary Darnell was one of the hot coaches in the NCAA after guiding WM to a 9-3 record in 2000 and their 2nd straight MAC title game. The Broncos were snakebitten the last 4 years including -14 in turnovers in 2002 and -13 in TO's last season. Last year they had 3 close losses and slumped to 1-10 despite having the BEST recruiting class in the MAC! As they showed at the start of the decade the program has promise and their once formidable home field edge has lessened but that can easily be recaptured. Cubit has 15 returning starters to work with and the QB he has already bought into the program (his son). The schedule gives them a shot at a winning year.

DAVE WANNSTEDT, PITT

Normally when a team overachieves like Pitt did last year and their coach leaves for a different program it's a tough situation for a new head coach. This situation is different, however, because Walt Harris did not WANT to leave. He knew he had a much stronger team coming back this year and would be a front runner in the new Big East. When it became apparent he would not be asked back, he left for Stanford . Dave Wannestadt brings in NFL experience, a big name and inherits a very talented team.

SHANE MONTGOMERY, MIAMI OHIO

While Miami HC Terry Hoeppner did leave for the greener pastures of the Big 10 after 6 very successful seasons, Montgomery has a shot at solidly improving the team's record from 2004. He has a veteran team that lost 5 games last year mostly due to turnovers. They now have an experienced QB and only lose 16 lettermen plus there are no new schemes to learn as he was the offensive coordinator the last 2 years. I have them favored in 10 of their 11 games to expect them to compete for the MAC Title.

BAYLORED

ED ORGERON, MISSISSIPPI

Ole Miss plays in the extremely tough SEC West which has schools like Auburn, LSU, Alabama and Arkansas to compete with on a yearly basis. Ole Miss has actually performed beyond expectations as they were the only team in the SEC West to be bowl eligible each year from 1997-2003 and David Cutcliffe was the head man for 5 of those. In 2003, Ole Miss earned 9 wins which was the most since 1992. They also sent QB Manning to the NFL as the #1 pick in the draft. As expected last year was a rebuilding year and they had their first losing season in 8 years. Ole Miss then FIRED Cutcliffe! WHAT? This decision shocked me just like when Baylor let go of Reedy in 1996. I hope what happened to Baylor does not happen to Ole Miss! Ed Orgeron has his work cut out for him here.

SKIP HOLTZ, EAST CAROLINA

Steve Logan made the Pirates a perennial post season squad. From 1994-2001 they had 7 winning regular seasons in 8 years and they went to 3 straight bowl games in 1999, 2000 and 2001. In 2002 East Carolina did not catch any breaks and were -10 in turnovers. Despite an 18-10 record in CUSA play his final 4 seasons including 4-4 in 2002 they fired him after the team had a rare losing overall at 4-8. They brought in John Thompson and then FIRED him before he was here two years (2 games left last year!). This situation sure sounds a lot like Baylor. Holtz does inherit a veteran squad with 17 returning starters and a softer schedule (see page 318) so he has a chance to overcome being the 3rd head coach here in 4 years.

TOUGH SHOES TO FILL

MARK SNYDER, MARSHALL

Snyder has to overcome a lot of obstacles which could add up to a very difficult first season at Marshall. First of all he is taking over for a legend in Bob Pruett who made the team a 1AA powerhouse before dominating the MAC. Pruett's teams won an amazing 5 of the first 6 MAC titles after joining. Next, how about ZERO losing seasons in 1A ball under Pruett and 2 QB's starting in the NFL (Pennington and Leftwich). They lost more than four games just twice in his 9 years. That is a TOUGH act to follow. Now throw in the fact that Pruett retired prior to spring ball and Snyder was not even hired until after the spring was over. Add in the fact that the team has just 6 returning starters and a move to the stronger CUSA! Marshall had 6 wins last year and if they win 6 this year he's got my vote for NCAA Coach of the Year!

MIKE GUNDY, OKLAHOMA ST

The Cowboys were coming off a streak of 4 straight losing years but have been to bowls in 3 consecutive years for the first time in school history. While the non conf schedule is soft Gundy has just 13 returning starters and I list FOUR of the teams in his same DIVISION as possible National Title contenders in Texas, Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Texas A&M. Four of their last 6 are on the road and topping the 8, 9 and 7 wins achieved the last 3 years will be a tough task.

KYLE WHITTINGHAM, UTAH

Whittingham was pursued by BYU and Utah for their head coaching spots this year and it was a tough choice for the BYU Grad who coached at Utah last year. Unfortunately for Whittingham the only way to improve upon last year's record is to not only run the table again but this time win the National Title. That will not happen and going unbeaten is a tough act to follow as is replacing coach Meyer who became an Urban legend here in just 2 years.

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PHIL STEELE'S 2005 PRESEASON TOP 40

Here is my 2005 Preseason Top 40. Two quick notes: First of all, my preseason rankings are **NOT** my power ratings. As an example - Louisville is rated #16 in my Power Poll or overall talent rankings. Due to a manageable schedule, I have them #4 overall as six sets of my ratings show them with an unbeaten season. My talent ratings only rate Miami Ohio #54 overall, but they made the list due to their manageable schedule as they face just one of my Top 30 teams. My Top 25 is based on how I project the teams to finish in the final rankings & these Top 25's have always done quite well. In 2002, I had Ohio St rated higher than any other preseason magazine coming into the year and they won the National Title. Of the Top 40 teams in 2003, an amazing 37 of the 40 were bowl eligible. In 2003, my magazine (and Lindy's) had LSU rated higher than any other preseason magazine and they won the BCS title. Last year I was the only major magazine to have Cal (#4 in the final regular season polls) in the Preseason Top 10! These rankings reflect not only talent, but the strength of schedule and how each team should finish the season.

1. USC It was a foregone conclusion that QB Matt Leinart would take his Heisman Trophy and be the #1 pick in the draft. Amazingly he opted to return and the Trojans who took home their 2nd straight AP National Title, will try to be the first ever to win 3 in a row. USC throttled unbeaten #2 Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl by a 55-19 margin and only lose 17 lettermen including just 5 NFL draft picks (low number for such an outstanding team). USC is at least 5 points better than every other team in each of my sets of power ratings and have a great shot at a THREE-peat.

USC
DE Frostee Rucker

2. LSU Nick Saban is gone but the cupboard is far from bare for new head coach Miles. The Tigers and USC split the title two years ago but may get to settle it on the field this year. LSU has 16 returning starters, my #3 set of RB's in the country, #6 O-Line, #9 D-line and #1 secondary. All 4 road trips are winnable.

3. Purdue The Boilermakers could have been unbeaten last year as their 5 losses could all have been avoided by changing one key play in each. They do lose Kyle Orton but Brandon Kirsch has starting experience and brings the option to the offense giving opposing DC's a tough week of preparation. The biggest boost for Purdue is not having Ohio St and Michigan on their schedule. Last year's defense allowed just 17.2 ppg despite having just 3 starters back and this time they have ALL 11 starters returning. The toughest road games are back-to-back at Wisconsin and Penn St, but this is Tiller's best team yet and they have the schedule to go unbeaten and possibly make it to the Rose Bowl.

LSU
LB Cameron Vaughn

4. Louisville As mentioned above, Ohio St and LSU did not have the most talent in the NCAA but both took home National Titles in the last 3 years. The Cards did lose some big time players but were an outstanding team last year that could have competed well in a BCS bowl and have talented players taking over those open spots. The Cards outscored foes by a 49.8-19.7 margin last year and will be favored in all 11 of their games.

5. Texas Mack Brown may FINALLY be ready for that breakthrough year. He lobbied hard to get into the BCS last year and then took care of business with a Rose Bowl win and would not mind making a trip to the same bowl a 2nd straight year. Oklahoma appears to be rebuilding so the Horns have a great shot at finally getting past them. A couple of major obstacles kept me from calling them for #2 as they have two other very tough road trips (Ohio St and Texas A&M) and then of course the Big 12 Title game should they get there.

6. Miami, Fl This year's Hurricane team is their strongest since 2002 when they last played for the National Title. QB play has been inconsistent the last 2 years but Kyle Wright has a great supporting cast and may fix that. If you look at my talent ratings (see page 94) you see I rate Miami the 2nd most talented team in the NCAA. As mentioned above it is not always the top 2 teams that play in the title game and Miami will have to face 3 top 40 teams all away from home.

Iowa
SS Marcus Paschal

7. Michigan Only two teams in the country rank in my Top 25 in all 8 position categories and that is USC and these Wolverines. My two main sets of power ratings call for the Wolves to go 11-0. They had an all freshmen backfield last year that is more experienced and even more talented this year. The Wolves must travel to face Iowa and Mich St and get a loaded Ohio St team at home.

8. Oklahoma The NFL draft took a big bite out of OU with 10 players drafted including 5 in the first 2 rounds. The Sooners have now played in the National Title game 3 of the last 5 years but have dropped two in a row. Last year's Orange Bowl was embarrassing. Even with the losses, this is a team that reloads rather than rebuilds and they have plenty of talent to make another run at the title. They will likely be favored in 10 of their 11 games and their only game as a dog will be vs Texas, a team they have beaten 5 straight years.

9. Ohio St The Buckeyes won a National Title 3 years ago and this year's squad is even more talented than that one. My Power Poll rates them the #4 team in the country with 3 of my 7 sets of power ratings calling for them to go unbeaten. In their National Title year, they avoided Iowa and played Michigan at home. This year they host Iowa, play Michigan in Ann Arbor, have a HUGE game at home vs Texas and must travel to face an underrated Penn St team, with perhaps the Big 10's best D.

10. Georgia Last year I had Georgia picked 5th in the country at the start of the year which was lower than every other magazine out there (most others had them 1, 2 or 3) and they finished 7th. This year I think the Dawgs will be a little underrated as most of the preseason polls have Tennessee and Florida ahead of Georgia. Georgia must play at Tennessee and at a neutral site vs Florida. They do lose 6 NFL draft picks including QB Greene and DE Pollack but could be a surprise.

11. Florida The Gators have a great shot at the SEC East title and I tossed it back and forth for 2 weeks between Florida & Georgia for two weeks but had to pick one to win their game in Jacksonville. Urban Meyer steps into a great situation as the Gators have 15 returning starters including QB Leak and have my #6 offense and #10 defense in the NCAA. They do have 5 games vs Top 25 teams playing Alabama and LSU on the road and Georgia in Jacksonville but they face Tennessee and Florida St at home. That is a lot of National Title elimination games.

12. Virginia Tech Last year I had the Hokies higher than all other magazines pegging them 4th in the ACC while most others had them 6th-8th in the league. They even surpassed my expectations winning the title in their inaugural ACC year. VT comes up #11 in the Power Poll and 1 of my sets of power ratings calls for an unbeaten year. They get warm weather Miami in chilly Blacksburg in November so the potential is there.

13. Florida St The Seminoles need consistent QB play, something they have lacked the last couple of years along with a FG kicker to make the big kick in a key game something they have been lacking for awhile (can you say wide right?). FSU does lose 8 NFL draft picks the 2nd highest total but Bowden has VHT's stacked upon VHT's so the talent is there. This team puts itself into the National Title chase if they win their opener (host Miami).

14. Iowa This is one of Kirk Ferentz's best teams yet which means a Rose Bowl trip is a possibility. OK, I realize that Iowa will likely be in the preseason Top 5 and Hawkeye fans are not too happy as they read this but here is why I have them here. First of all, they must face both Purdue and Ohio St on the road and play Michigan at home. Last year they did catch a lot of breaks in their 10-2 season with 5 wins by a TD or less and were +13 in turnovers.

15. Tennessee Vols fans are also very excited about their team this year and like Iowa they will likely be a Top 5 team in the polls to open the year. Much like Iowa above, the Vols were fortunate last year with 6 close wins (7 or less). They are a much stronger team but also face LSU and Florida (two very tough places to play) on the road in back-to-back weeks.

16. NC State The Wolfpack had the #1 defense in the country last year and somehow finished 5-6. They are my most improved team in the country this year and have SEVEN home games. The offense should be much more effective and they will give Florida St a run for their money in the ACC Atlantic.

Virginia Tech
TB Mike Imoh

17. Auburn The Tigers lose an amazing FOUR 1st round draft picks and play in the rugged SEC. They still should open the season at 5-0 but dreams of ANOTHER unbeaten season will likely be dashed as they have road trips to Arkansas, LSU and Georgia in the 2H of the season.

18. Texas A&M I called the Aggies the most improved team in the country last year and they did not disappoint going from a miserable 4-7 season to a Cotton Bowl berth. This year they are #15 in my Power Poll but do play a rugged schedule with 5 road trips vs bowl caliber teams and face Texas at home.

19. Penn St Much like NC St, you have to wonder how the Lions went 4-7 with the excellent D that Penn St had last year (only team in the NCAA that did not allow 21+ in any game). Paterno says this team is too talented to have another losing season and I see a 5-0 start and a fine finish.

20. California The Bears lose a lot of talent from a team that nearly knocked off USC (had a 424-246 yd edge) but they have just 8 starters back. A JUCO infusion + soft early schedule = another big year.

21. Texas Tech
22. Oregon
23. Miami, Oh
24. Fresno St
25. Alabama
26. Arizona St
27. Boise St
28. Pitt
29. Toledo
30. Utah
31. Colorado
32. Kansas St
33. UTEP
34. UAB
35. Virginia
36. UCLA
37. Houston
38. Michigan St
39. Nebraska
40. Arkansas

More teams which just missed the cut for the Top 40 but should be in the 2005 post season.

41. Oregon St
42. Wisconsin
43. Colorado St
44. BYU
45. Bowling Green
46. Middle Tenn
47. Maryland
48. S Mississippi
49. Georgia Tech

2005'S NCAA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

If you have been reading my National College Football Preview Magazine over the past six years, you know that I have been advocating for the top four teams in the country to be matched up in the bowl games with #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3 in order to insure a true National Champion each season. I even list the last 8 years pointing out that no #5 team really deserved to play for the National Title and in many years just three were worthy of a spot in the Title game. Although many people are all for going to an extended tournament, much like the NCAA basketball, I think this would water down what is the most meaningful regular season of any sport (college or pro) and that is college football's regular season. Each week during the college football regular season there are several National Title elimination games, the winner stays in the chase to play for the National Title and the loser is basically out of it. That makes the games that are played in September, October, November and December extremely MEANINGFUL.

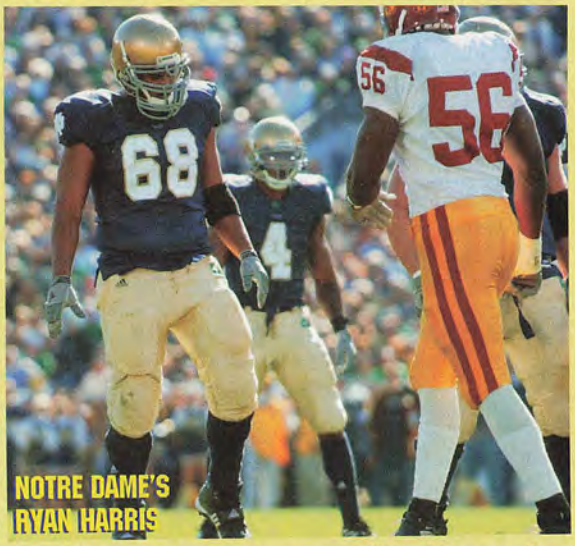
KANSAS ST'S YAMON FIGURS

Let's compare college football to college basketball. In non-conference games for the college basketball regular season, a matchup of #1 vs #2 in November may bring out some attention but really has no bearing as to who wins the National Title. A team can easily recover from an early season loss or losses and as long as they get into the 64 team basketball tournament, they have a shot at winning the National Title. That makes these bigger, non-conf games nice but in the grander scheme of things, really not important. In college football, teams can recover from one loss to play for the National Title game but in a year like last season, that would not have been the case and in most instances, it is not. What I did this year for fun is took a look at some matchups that are being played this season and constructed a 64 team tournament for NCAA football. The key is almost all of these matchups (except for 7) take place during the regular season, making them National Title elimination games. Naturally, with varying non-conference schedules, I could not come up with #1 through #64 seeds for the "tournament" so the brackets I list do have some unfortunate matchups with Top 10 teams like Texas meeting Ohio St and Florida meeting Tennessee in the first round.

PURDUE'S BRANDON KIRSCH

OHIO ST'S TED GINN JR.

For this year's tournament I basically took the Top 64 teams in my Power Poll Ratings and, interestingly, found that most teams would play each other in a tournament-type bracket. The few matchups that do not take place during the regular season that are in the chart listed on the following pages will be first round battles between Missouri/Rutgers, Penn St/Arkansas, Boise St/Stanford, a second round contest with Miami OH vs Iowa and quarterfinal battles between Miami FL/LSU, USC/San Diego St and Louisville/Oklahoma. This year's non-conference slate did set up some intriguing first round battles like the huge one between Texas and Ohio St as well as battles like Oklahoma/UCLA, Texas A&M/Clemson and Louisville/Oregon St.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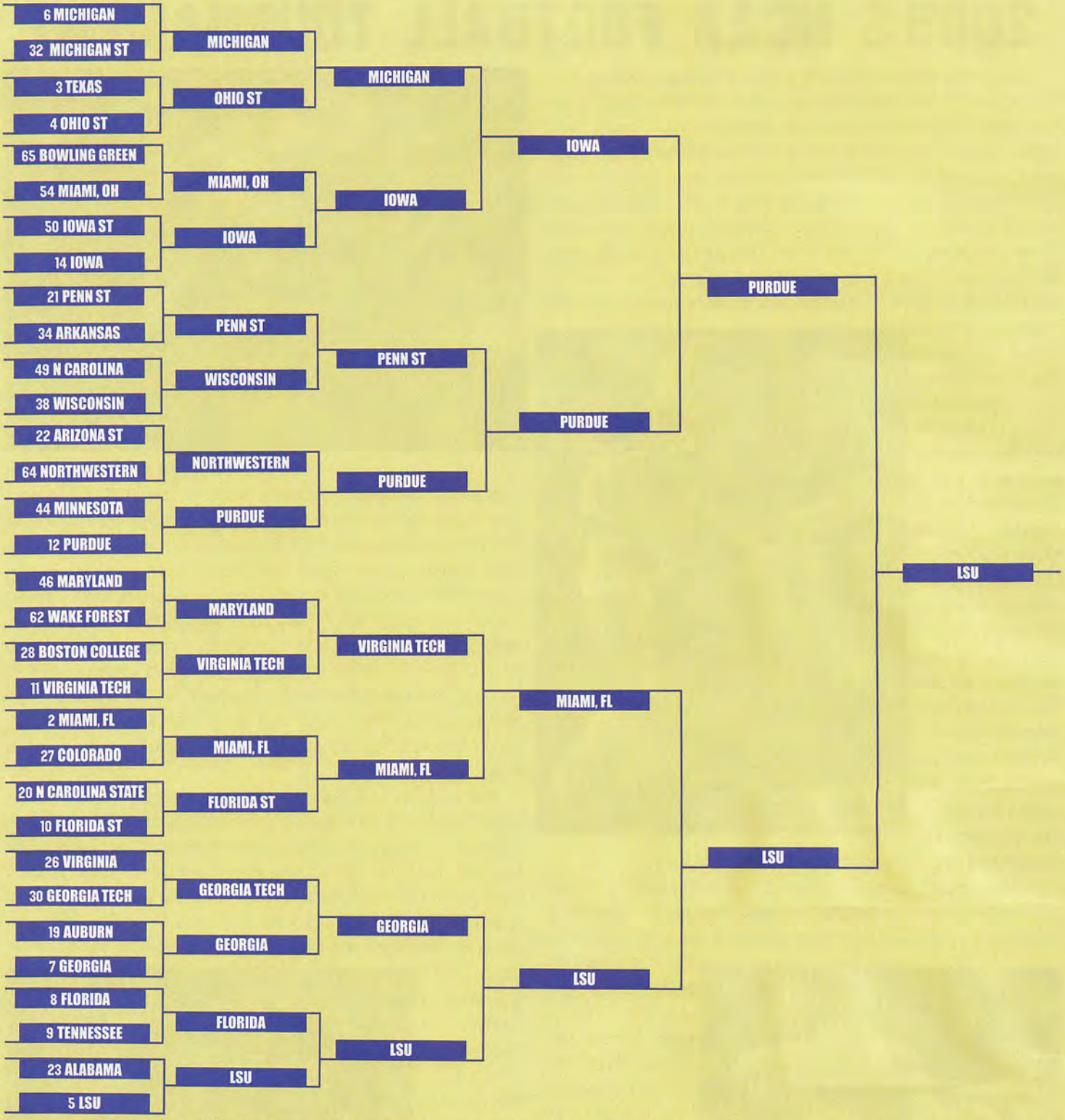
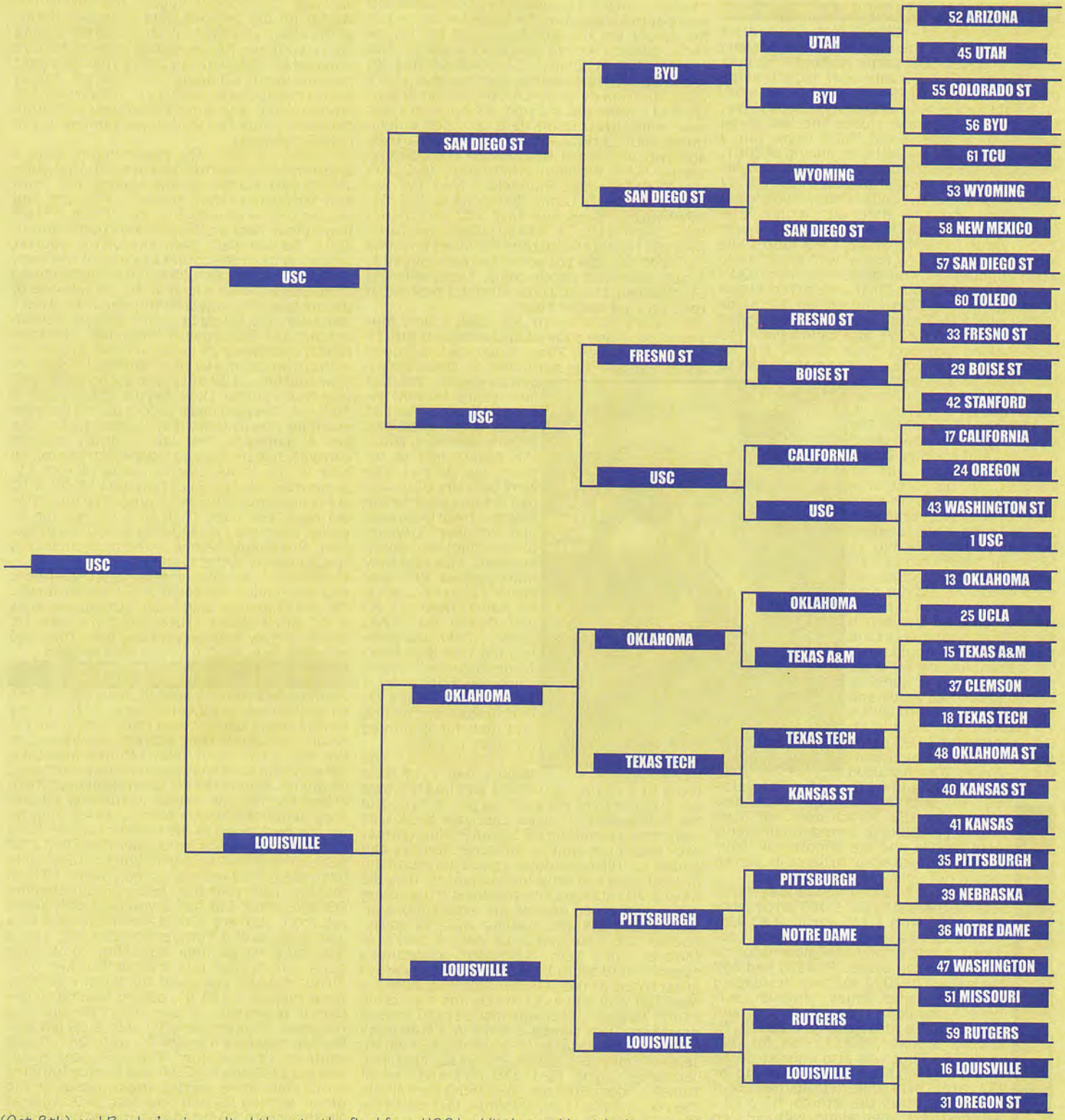


Keep in mind that I am NOT advocating a 64 team tournament. I think it would be silly and nonproductive for college football, but taking a look at this tournament, which shows that the regular season is like a tournament, we see some top ranked teams falling by the wayside in the first round including Tennessee, Auburn, Alabama, NC State, Arizona St and the biggest, Texas. The second round matchups had another Top 10 battle like Ohio St/Michigan, Oklahoma/Texas A&M, Miami FL/Florida St, Florida/LSU and Cal/USC, all very interesting matchups and all taking place during the regular season in National Title elimination games. In this mock tournament that I have constructed for the season, the big losers in the second round were Ohio St, Texas A&M, one of last year's undefeated teams, Utah. Also being eliminated was one of last year's regular season undefeated teams Boise St, along with Florida St and Florida. Cal, which could have beaten USC in each of the last 3 years, (winning once and having 2 close losses), suffered yet another close loss.

That brings us to the "Sweet 16" and not necessarily the top 16 teams made it from my Power Poll as several lower rated teams made it such as #35 Pitt, #56 BYU and #57 San Diego St. Once again, interesting matchups in this round include Michigan/Iowa which takes place in Iowa City this year, Oklahoma/Texas Tech which is in Lubbock in November, Virginia Tech/Miami FL which takes place in Blacksburg in November and Georgia/LSU which takes place in Baton Rouge. The Big East Title game of Pittsburgh and Louisville was won by the Cardinals while the MWC Championship was won by San Diego St in this "tournament". USC dispatched WAC Champ Fresno St and Miami FL basically won the ACC with their conquest of Virginia Tech. LSU won the SEC Title with their win over Georgia while Purdue and Iowa set up their Big 10 Title match in the quarterfinal round.

That brings us to the final 8. Now, I do think Texas will win the Big 12 this year, but as you can tell by the unfortunate bracketing form, they were eliminated in the second week of the season in their trip to Columbus so it's Oklahoma that advances from the Big 12 and in my projected matchups they were stunned by an undefeated Louisville in the quarterfinal round. Purdue had the advantage of hosting Iowa which they actually do this year



(Oct 8th) and Purdue's win vaulted them to the final four. USC had little trouble with the team that prevailed in the MWC bracket in San Diego St in a matchup that does not take place during the regular season this year. Another great battle would have been the SEC Champ LSU vs ACC Champ Miami FL and LSU's victory put them into the final four.

If you read my *National College Football Preview Magazine*, you know the four teams I'm predicting this year to finish undefeated at the end of the year are USC, LSU, Purdue and Louisville and all have an excellent chance of achieving that. In the bracketed tournament on these pages, those four have gotten to the final four, whereas I think USC will be ranked #1 at this point, LSU #2, Purdue #3 and Louisville #4 and that would set up a matchup of USC vs Louisville and Purdue vs LSU giving us a true National Title game two weeks later.

As I mentioned in my National Championship article, I think it's important to match #1 vs #4, #2 vs #3 as many are advocating that they choose the two teams to appear in the National Title game after the bowls but giving just one more week of results would still end in confusion. As an example; of the #2 and #3 teams in the country both had impressive blowout bowl wins and the #1 team in the country struggled barely winning by a point, there would be great debate as to who would deserve to win in the National Title game again, whereas matching #1 vs #4, #2 vs #3 would simply have the winners facing off in the National Title game. As I mentioned earlier, I do not feel at any time in the last seven years the team rated #5 or lower deserved to play in the National Title game, and many years just 2 or 3 did. I thought you would find this chart interesting to see that the majority of the games did take place and **if you really want to see a National Title elimination tournament like the one above, all you have to do is turn on your TV each and every week during the college regular season as these games play out.** College football's regular season is the most important of any sport, college or pro, and the first game in the month of September, a mid-October game or season finale in November all could determine who plays in the National Title game.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2005

QUARTERBACKS - Drew Brees finished his career in 2000 as the Big 10's career passing leader and had 939 yards rushing, the best ever for an NCAA QB with over 10,000 yards passing. Kyle Orton (PS#11) who has a cannon for a right arm as well as prototypical NFL size, took over the starting duties the last three games as a true frosh. Tiller, who ran a conservative offense in the beginning of 2001, showed so much confidence in Orton that in his first 3 starts he allowed him to throw 62, 52 and 74 passes. In 2002 Orton suffered a concussion and split time with mobile true frosh Brandon Kirsch (PS#27). Orton threw for 2,257 yards (60.6%) with a 13-9 ratio while Kirsch threw for 1,067 (59%) with an 8-5 ratio while running for 468 gross yds. Both QB's returned in 2003 but Tiller redshirted Kirsch (shoulder inj) and Orton threw for 2885 yds (61%) with a 15-7 ratio. Last year Tiller signed Curtis Painter (PS#29) and called him "the best looking prospect since Orton" but he redshirted. Orton had a phenomenal start to the 2004 season including breaking the school's 39 year old record for completion % in a game (23-26 for 88.5% vs Ball St) with one pass dropped and another intentionally thrown out of bounds. In his first five games Orton completed 69.2% for 1,642 yards with an 18-2 ratio. Unfortunately he injured his right hip vs Michigan, his left hip vs NW, where he also battled 40 mph winds. He did not play vs Iowa or start vs Ohio St. He did come off the bench for the final two series vs the Buckeyes and engineered the game winning TD drive and then lit up the Hoosiers throwing for 522 yards and tying a school record with 6 TD passes. For the season Orton threw for 3,090 yards (60.7%) with an outstanding 31-5 ratio. Kirsch started vs Iowa and OSU and he threw for 711 yards (61.7%) with a 7-3 ratio while also rushing for 153. Kirsch does not have Orton's (#4DC CHI) arm strength but is more mobile and the offense will likely change some to adapt to his skills. Kirsch should put up some fine numbers.

TE Charles Davis

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Joey Harris became the first Boiler 1,000 yard rusher since 1995 with 1,115 yards (4.5). Unfortunately he was unexpectedly declared academically ineligible prior to 2003. Brandon Jones (PS#36) had 668 yards (5.3) in 2002 and was the leading returning rusher. Jones, however, suffered a shoulder injury in August and was not 100% rushing for just 286 (3.7). Jerome Brooks (PS#51) ran for 349 yards (4.4) but was also injured. Jerod Void (PS#107) filled the void rushing for 952 yards (4.1) while getting the bulk of the carries down the stretch. All 3 TB's returned last year along with FB Jon Goldsberry (3 st, 50 rush). Void, a slashing runner, led the team with 625 yards (3.9) and Tiller chose to increase this use of the power runner Brandon Jones, and he finished with 477 (4.2). Brooks had just 67 yards (8.4). True frosh Kory Sheets (PS#173) was very impressive in practice and has the best speed of the backs adding a new dimension. Brooks and FB Goldsberry are the only losses. Anthony Heygood (6-2 215 rFr, PS#57) will likely take over at FB and Hakeem Abdullah (5-10 197 Jr) could compete for playing time. Purdue averaged just 125.3 ypg rushing last year, and I look for better production from the RB's.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Boilermakers had to replace the Big 10's all-time *leading receiver in John Standeford, who led the team with 1,150 yards in 2003,* as well as their #3 receiver. Taylor Stubblefield was not the biggest or the fastest receiver but he simply set the NCAA's record for career rec's, passing Arnold Jackson's mark of 300 (1997-2000 at L'ville). Stubblefield had 89 rec's (12.3). The sizeable Kyle Ingraham (6-9 228) and speedy (4.4 40) VHT Dorien Bryant (PS#11) were the #2 and #3 receivers last year while JUCO Brian Hare provided a deep threat with 13 rec's and a nifty 26.0 ypc. They add two VHT frosh this season with blazing speed. WR's Brandon Whittington (6-2 198 rFr, PS#155), Jake Standeford (6-2 197 So, John's brother), Grant Walker (6-2 190 So, PS#145QB), Sean Bird (6-2 202 So), Byron Williams (6-3 191 So, PS#82), Desmond Tardy (6-1 183 rFr, PS#92DB) and TE Garret Bushong (6-5 240 So, PS#10) are not even included in a very talented depth chart. Despite losing Stubblefield, this could be Purdue's best set of receivers yet under Tiller.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Joe Tiller's first four years the O-line allowed an average of just 16 sacks per season. Those super sack numbers could partially be attributed to Drew Brees' quick release. The last four years they've allowed 42, 20, 33 and 31 sacks. After averaging 3.5 ypc rushing in 2003, the Boilers had to replace two starters who were both NFL DC's. Jordan Grimes became the first true frosh OL to ever play for Tiller (31 years of coaching) and got in one start. This year they must replace RG Tyler Moore (12 st, 2 yr st'r), RT David Owen (11 st) and Danny May (2nd string). Tiller has commented that true frosh Jason Kacinko (PS#28) could play right away. I thought last year's O-line under-performed and look for improved numbers in 2005.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Boilers had 7 of their top 8 DL's returning in 2003 and had the best run D in the Tiller era allowing just 2.7 ypc and the D recorded 41 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy including DE Shaun Phillips (career sack leader) as well as two other starters and a backup. Tiller has done a good job recruiting on the D-line and while inexperienced, they did have 3 VHT starters last season and the young group performed beyond my expectations allowing just 3.1 ypc rushing with 35 sacks. Backup DE Rob Ninkovich had 4 sacks vs Indiana, tying Tom "Kamikaze" Kingsbury's school record set in 1980. This year they are in great shape as the only loss from the 2 deep is Neal Tull who moves to the OL and they bring in VHT TE Ryan Baker who moved to DT in bowl practices. Tiller signed 2 more VHT true frosh this year. Luis Vasquez (6-3 250 rFr, PS#98LB), Jeremy Coley (6-5 250 Jr, PS#51JC, susp spr), Jermaine Guynn (6-1 276 rFr) and Ind St transfer Adam Huebner (6-3 265 Jr) are also in the very talented mix. This looks like one of the Big 10's best D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - The Boilermakers had an outstanding LB corps in both 2002 and 2003 but last year had to replace all 3 starters (two 3rd RD DC's, 1 4th RD DC). While 3 of the top 5 tacklers on the team were DB's LY, the LB unit still played beyond its years and helped Purdue allow just 17.2 ppg, even better than the 2003 squad. Starting SLB Bobby Iwuchukwu was lost for the year after 8 starts but true frosh Cliff Avril, who Tiller has compared to Akin Ayodele, did well in his place. They get a big-time addition in Kyle Williams (PS#5) who signed at Iowa last year provided they get a favorable ruling from the NCAA on his status. Basically the entire 2 deep returns and this unit is a lot more experienced than 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Purdue had a top-notch secondary finishing #18 in my pass D rankings *in 2002 and #23 in 2003. Last year they had* to replace 2 starters (both drafted) and 2 backups. CB Antwaun Rogers, the only senior starter on the defense, had a nagging hamstring injury and later suffered a career ending injury vs Iowa. As you would expect, Purdue dropped to #56 allowing 239.9 ypg. This year the only loss is CB Rogers (5 st, 36 tkl, 4 pbu) but his replacement, Paul Long, actually started more games. With a more experienced overall defense, I look for solid improvement in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The special teams were a disaster in 2002 with a #106 ranking. That quite simply cost Purdue games against WF, Iowa and Michigan as they missed 9 FG's and had trouble on the coverage units. DT Coach Mark Hagen took over as the primary coordinator in 2003. Purdue went from one of the poorest kicking units in the country to one of the best, as Butler transfer Ben Jones hit an outstanding 25 of 30 FG's with a long of 50. He was one of the preseason favorites for the Lou Groza Award last year but slumped in his second season missing key FG's against Wisconsin, Michigan (blk'd) and then a 29 yarder into 40 mph winds vs Northwestern. He also had two blocked vs Iowa and hit just 10 of 18 with a long of 50. VHT true frosh punter Dave Brytus (PS#3) had a 35.9 net. They did block 8 kicks during the year and Bobby Iwuchukwu is back after missing the last 4 games in '04 due to injury and he currently has six blocked kicks which was fourth best in the NCAA among active players LY. Jerome Brooks (24.8) got the first KR for a TD at Purdue since 1995 but transferred out. They did hold OSU's Ted Ginn to 2 returns for 23 yards. After their disappointing #52 finish last year, this should be one of the most improved special teams in the country.

COACHES - Joe Tiller enters his 9th year here and has guided the team to 8 straight bowls. OC Jim Chaney is also in his 9th year here as is DC Brock Spack. They bring in a new DE coach in Tony Samuel who has been the head coach at New Mexico St the past 8 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Purdue has been to 8 straight bowl games, the longest streak in school history. In 2002 they were a much better team than their final 7-6 record indicated. They actually finished #1 in the Big 10 in both total offense and total defense and their 6 losses came by a combined 26 points. Four of the six teams that beat them ended the regular season in the Top 10 and they outgained league foes by 144.5 ypg, by far the best mark in the conf but were -10 in turnovers and 4-4 in Big 10 play. They had 2 OT losses in their 9-4 season of 2003 or they could have easily finished higher than their #19 final ranking. Last year they returned outstanding QB Kyle Orton but had a young D with just 3 returning starters. The team nearly arrived a year early and if Purdue would've had just a few key plays go their way, they could have gone undefeated but instead finished 7-5. Things started out great for Purdue as they were ranked #5 (5-0), before hosting undefeated Wisconsin. A late Orton fumble was returned 40 yards for a TD with 2:36 left and Purdue missed a 42 yard FG with :24 left and came up 3 points short. The next week Michigan got a FG with 2:45 left and Purdue fumbled on its final drive costing them a shot at the game winning FG and they lost by 2. Against Northwestern QB Orton was injured and pulled in the 3Q and the Wildcats got a 3 yard TD run with :38 left. Iowa forced 5 turnovers and blocked 2 FG's and escaped by 2. In the bowl ASU got a TD with :43 left to pull that one out. While Orton moves on, Kirsch is an experienced starter whose mobility will allow PU to run more option plays and Painter is a solid backup. They have a deep backfield, strong receivers and an improved offensive front. The defense played beyond its years last season, surprisingly allowing just 17.2 ppg and now has all 11 starters back. Now we get to the good part. Purdue does not have to play either Ohio St or Mich and while road trips to Minnesota, Wisconsin and Penn St will not be easy, I feel Purdue, is capable of sweeping the board. This team, which was arguably 5 plays from an unbeaten record last year, *not only has the ability to take home the Big 10 Title but to* contend for a National Championship Title.

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JOE TILLER (Career 101-67-1)
9th Year at Purdue
Tiller's SU Bowl Record: 3-6

2004 RECORD: (7-5)

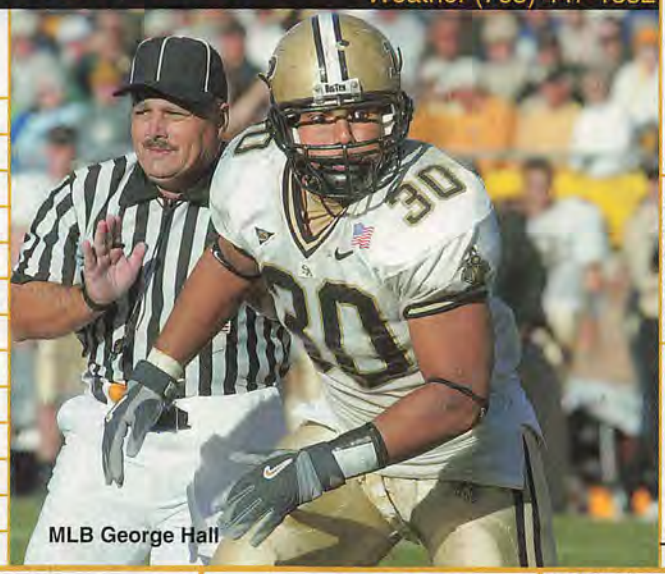
RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 11

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (16,23,2)
Lost: 11 (8,2,1)

2004 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 63,549

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2005 Schedule Difficulty-#40

Date	Opponent	TURF	Final Score PU	Final Score Opp
Sep. 3				
Sep. 10	Akron	G		
Sep. 17	at Arizona	G		
Sep. 24	at Minnesota	A		
Oct. 1	Notre Dame	G		
Oct. 8	Iowa	G		
Oct. 15	Northwestern (HC)	G		
Oct. 22	at Wisconsin	A		
Oct. 29	at Penn St	G		
Nov. 5	Michigan St	G		
Nov. 12	Illinois	G		
Nov. 19	at Indiana	A		
Nov. 26				


MLB George Hall

	HC	OC	DC
2004	Joe Tiller	Jim Chaney	Brock Spack
2003	Joe Tiller	Jim Chaney	Brock Spack
2002	Joe Tiller	Jim Chaney	Brock Spack
2001	Joe Tiller	Jim Chaney	Brock Spack
2000	Joe Tiller	Jim Chaney	Brock Spack
1999	Joe Tiller	Jim Chaney	Brock Spack
1998	Joe Tiller	Jim Chaney	Brock Spack
1997	Joe Tiller	Larry Korpitz	Brock Spack

LAST 7 YEARS BIG 10 RANKINGS

	Big 10 Record	Finished	Total OFF	Total DEF	Avg Score in Big 10 Play
2004	4-4	#5	416	336	25.9-19.5
2003	6-2	#2	383	290	24.8-17.3
2002	4-4	#5	471	327	29.4-22.8
2001	4-4	#4	287	355	19.1-24.1
2000	6-2	#1	462	372	30.4-24.9
1999	4-4	#6	456	374	28.3-28.1
1998	6-2	#4	499	325	38.0-19.8

TOP 5 CAREER RECORD LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
1. Drew Brees 11,792	1. Mike Alstott 3,635	1. John Standeford 3,788
2. Mark Herrmann 9,946	2. Otis Armstrong 3,315	2. Taylor Stubblefield 3,629
3. Kyle Orton 9,337	3. Scott Dierking 2,863	3. Brian Alford 3,029
4. Scott Campbell 7,636	4. Montrell Lowe 2,648	4. Vinny Sutherland 2,370
5. Jim Everett 7,411	5. Edwin Watson 2,520	5. Dave Young 2,316

LAST 10 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	OPPONENT	SCORE
80	Liberty	Missouri	28-25
84	Peach	Virginia	24-27
97	Alamo	Oklahoma St	33-20
98	Alamo	Kansas St	37-34
99	Outback	Georgia	25-28 OT
00	Rose	Washington	24-34
01	Sun	Wash St	27-33
02	Sun	Washington	34-24
03	Capital One	Georgia	27-34 OT
04	Sun	Arizona St	23-27

Purdue's All-Time SU Bowl Record 7-6

Last 6 Big 10 Titles
2000 1943
1967 1931
1952 1929

AP/Cch/UPI Nat'l Champs
None

STADIUM: ROSS-ADE STADIUM (62,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	10 Yr Total
Record	4-6-1	3-8	8-3	8-4	7-4	8-3	6-5	6-6	9-3	7-4	66-46-1
Home	2-3-1	3-3	5-1	6-0	4-2	6-0	4-2	4-3	6-1	4-2	44-17-1
Away	2-3	0-5	3-2	2-4	3-2	2-3	2-3	2-3	3-2	3-2	22-29

PURDUE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 10 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	31.8	23	125	3.5	321	61.1	14.1	-3	2004	3	17.2	18	105	3.1	240	55.5	20.1
7*	26.8	20	149	3.5	224	60.6	13.9	+12	2003	9	17.4	16	97	2.7	206	52.9	17.4
8	29.7	23	197	4.4	256	60.0	15.2	-10	2002	8	22.2	16	116	3.3	201	48.2	14.3
5	20.8	18	98	2.7	222	51.2	15.4	+11	2001	10	23.2	17	123	3.1	205	53.5	14.2
8*	31.8	25	152	4.1	309	59.7	14.5	0	2000	6	22.2	18	150	4.0	197	61.0	15.6
8*	32.0	25	130	4.1	332	60.2	14.4	+1	1999	4	25.4	19	139	3.6	227	55.8	14.4
4	34.2	24	116	3.8	324	63.5	12.9	+5	1998	8	21.2	19	145	3.5	194	52.9	16.0
7	33.0	21	174	5.2	269	53.8	13.4	+14	1997	3	22.3	22	178	4.1	223	57.7	18.0
6*	17.6	20	144	3.4	222	53.0	20.8	-5	1996	8	29.5	19	160	4.1	204	56.1	12.4
8*	25.6	20	232	4.9	171	56.2	15.5	-3	1995	8	24.5	20	172	4.5	225	59.5	16.4

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jerod Void	159	654	29	625	3	3.9
Brandon Jones	113	495	18	477	2	4.2
Kyle Orton	80	284	172	112	3	1.4
Brandon Kirsch	35	153	65	88	1	2.5
Dorien Bryant	7	85	0	85	1	12.1
Jerome Brooks	8	67	0	67	1	8.4
Jon Goldsberry	10	50	0	50	0	5.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kyle Orton	389	236	60.7	3090	31	5
Brandon Kirsch	94	58	61.7	711	7	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Taylor Stubblefield	89	1095	12.3	16	97
Kyle Ingraham	51	624	12.2	7	52
Dorien Bryant	38	584	15.4	3	65
Charles Davis	34	416	12.2	3	61
Brian Hare	13	338	26.0	3	80
Brandon Jones	22	283	12.9	3	63
Jerod Void	22	202	9.2	0	28
Ray Williams	14	146	10.4	0	44
Dustin Keller	5	102	20.4	2	47
Andre Chattams	5	37	7.4	0	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Dave Brytus	53	2120	40.0	9	35.9	0	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ben Jones	49-50	1-3	6-8	2-5	1-2	10-18	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bernard Pollard	96	1	2	5	1
George Hall	92	1	5	4	2
Kyle Smith	76	0	3	3	0
Stanford Keglar	61	0.5	4	3	1
Brian Hickman	52	0	0	8	1
Brandon Villarreal	50	5.5	12	3	0
Ray Edwards	45	8	3	4	0
Brent Grover	41	0	6	8	0
Bobby Iwuchukwu	40	0.5	4	1	0
Cliff Avril	36	0.5	3	1	0
Antwaun Rogers	36	0	1	4	1
Anthony Spencer	33	7.5	2	6	0
Rob Ninkovich	23	8	2	4	0
Paul Long	23	1	1	4	1
Torri Williams	14	1	0	1	1
Gene Bright	13	1	2	0	0
Sean Petty	13	0	0	1	0
Grant Walker	11	0	0	0	0
Dan Bick	8	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Taylor Stubblefield	16	49	3.1	0
Dorien Bryant	7	32	4.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jerome Brooks	22	546	24.8	1
Dorien Bryant	6	128	21.3	0

2004 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Syracuse	25	41-237	5.8	17-32	334	0	12	32-40	1.3	15-26	157	3	+3
Ball St	34	42-231	5.5	26-30	368	0	13	37-71	1.9	11-16	126	4	0
at Illinois	28	37-149	4.0	35-50	366	1	25	34-175	5.1	22-37	215	1	+2
at Notre Dame	22	28-99	3.5	22-32	413	2	28	36-76	2.1	29-49	460	7	+1
at Penn St	17	32-73	2.3	24-35	275	3	15	17-18	1.1	29-51	293	2	-2
Wisconsin	26	40-132	3.3	25-45	235	5	16	30-84	2.8	17-32	211	0	-2
Michigan	13	33-50	1.5	14-30	213	3	22	43-204	4.7	22-39	190	2	-1
at Northwestern	20	41-122	3.0	20-42	210	1	14	33-130	3.9	11-30	148	1	-2
at Iowa	19	27-52	1.9	27-45	305	6	18	34-43	1.3	25-46	278	3	-4
Ohio St	24	43-120	2.8	29-42	264	3	11	30-146	4.9	14-29	192	3	+3
Indiana	37	34-173	5.1	35-56	590	5	19	39-119	3.1	21-34	239	6	0
† Arizona St	15	26-66	2.5	23-47	281	2	26	40-158	4.0	25-45	370	3	-1
TOTALS	280	424-1504	3.5	297-486	3854	31	219	405-1264	3.1	241-434	2879	35	-3
AVERAGES	23.3	35-125	3.5	25-41	321	2.6	18.3	34-105	3.1	20-36	240	2.9	-0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at UCF	47-13 W
Notre Dame	28-23 W
C Michigan	58-16 W
Northwestern	31-23 W
at Michigan	12-38 L
at Ohio St	22-25 L
Michigan St	52-28 W
Penn St	25-31 L
at Minnesota	33-28 W
Wisconsin	21-28 L
at Indiana	30-24 W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
C Michigan	48-0 W
Kent St	45-10 W
at Notre Dame	21-23 L
Minnesota	38-24 W
at Penn St	20-22 L
Michigan	32-31 W
at Northwestern	41-28 W
at Wisconsin	OT 30-24 W
Ohio St	31-27 W
at Michigan St	10-30 L
Indiana	41-13 W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at Cincinnati	19-14 W
Akron	33-14 W
at Minnesota	OT 35-28 W
Iowa	23-14 W
at Michigan	10-24 L
Northwestern	32-27 W
Illinois	13-38 L
at Ohio St	9-35 L
Michigan St	24-14 W
at Indiana	7-13 L
Notre Dame	18-24 L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Illinois St	51-10 W
at Notre Dame	17-24 L
W Michigan	28-24 W
Wake Forest	21-24 L
Minnesota	28-15 W
at Iowa	28-31 L
at Illinois	OT 31-38 L
Michigan	21-23 L
at Northwestern	42-13 W
Ohio St	6-10 L
at Michigan St	45-42 W
Indiana	34-10 W

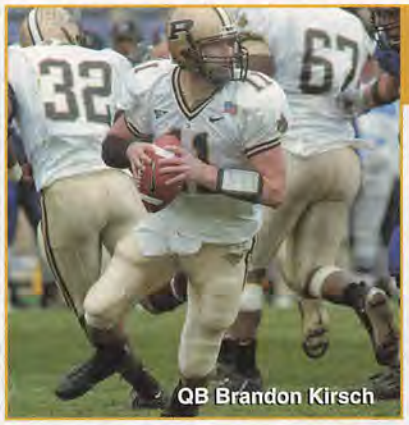
2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Bowling Green	26-27 L
at Wake Forest	16-10 W
Arizona	59-7 W
Notre Dame	23-10 W
Illinois	43-10 W
Penn St	28-14 W
at Wisconsin	26-23 W
at Michigan	3-31 L
Northwestern	34-14 W
Iowa	27-14 W
at Ohio St	OT 13-16 L
at Indiana	24-16 W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Syracuse	51-0 W
Ball St	59-7 W
at Illinois	38-30 W
at Notre Dame	41-16 W
at Penn St	20-13 W
Wisconsin	17-20 L
Michigan	14-16 L
at Northwestern	10-13 L
at Iowa	21-23 L
Ohio St	24-17 W
Indiana	63-24 W

PURDUE 2005 DEPTH CHART


QB Brandon Kirsch

OFFENSE

FB

#42 ANTHONY HEYGOOD rFR.
6-2 215 **PS#57**
4.5 speed. Versatile. Won FB job in spring '05.

RB

#32 JEROD VOID SR.
6-2 212 **PS#107DB**
Track: 60m hurdles. 4.38 speed. 11 sts, 625 yds (3.9), 22 rec (9.2) LY. 11 sts, 952 yds (4.1), 13 TD's, 6 rec in '03. 13 gms 156 yds (3.5), 3 rec, 10 TD's as goal line TB as rFr.

#27 BRANDON JONES SR.
5-11 236 **PS#36**
12 gms, 1 st, 477 yds (4.2), 22 rec (12.9) LY. 13 gms, 286 yds (3.7), 12 rec (11.7) in '03. 13 gms, 1 st, 668 yds (5.3), 8 rec (16.2) as rFr.

WR

#9 DORIEN BRYANT SO.
5-10 175 **PS#11**
Relays on track team. 4.22 speed. 12 gms, 2 sts, 38 rec (15.4), 85 rush yds, 7 PR (4.6), 6 KR (21.3) LY as true. Fork Union prep in '03.

#80 BRIAN HARE SR.
6-3 190 **PS#97JC**
12 gms, 13 rec (26.0), 3 TD LY. 34 rec (18.9) at JUCO in '03.

TE

#87 CHARLES DAVIS SR.
6-6 260 **PS#22**
F on Basketball team. 2nd TM Big 10, 12 gms, 8 sts, 34 rec (12.2) LY. 13 gms, 8 sts, 6 rec (6.0) in '03. 13 gms, 10 sts, 12 rec (8.5) as rFr.

#28 DUSTIN KELLER SO.
6-4 245 **PS#193WR**
Staff loves potential & looks to use more in '05. #1 on team with 39.5" vert, 4.02 pro agility. 9 gms, 1 st, 5 rec (20.4), 2 TD LY. 185 lbs as HS Sr.

K

#35 BEN JONES SR.
6-1 213
10 of 18, long of 50, 13 TB on KO's LY. PU record in FG's & % with 25 of 30, long of 50 in '03. Transferred from Butler in '02. 4 of 9 FG's, long of 48 at Butler as true.

WR

#89 KYLE INGRAHAM JR.
6-9 228 **PS#84**
12 sts, 51 rec (12.2), 7 TD, Offense's Most Improved LY. 13 gms, 2 sts, 13 rec (10.8) as true.

#20 ANDRE CHATTAMS JR.
6-0 204 **PS#74**
11 gms, 3 sts, 5 rec (7.4) LY. 6 gms, 1 st, 1 rec as rFr. Possession receiver.

QB

#11 BRANDON KIRSCH JR.
6-3 208 **PS#27**
6 gms, 2 sts vs Iowa & Ohio St, 711 yds (62%), 7-3 ratio, 153 rush yds LY. RS'd in '03. 8 gms, 4 sts, 1067 yds (59%), 8-5 ratio, 468 rush yds as true.

#12 CURTIS PAINTER rFR.
6-4 212 **PS#29**
Prototypical pocket passer. Staff likes arm and size. Won #2 job in spring '05.

WR

#2 RAY WILLIAMS SR.
6-2 193 **PS#111**
400M on track team. 12 gms, 6 sts, 14 rec (10.4) LY. 13 sts, 15 rec (13.6), 52 rush yds in '03. 13 gms, 7 sts, 8 rec (17.6) as true.

#NA SELWYN LYMON FR.
6-4 190 **PS#11**
Tiller called a key to the 2005 recruiting class. 4.4 speed. HS QB.

RT

#74 SEAN SESTER rFR.
6-8 282 **PS#91**
Won RT job and Newcomer of Year in spring '05. +40 lbs on bench.

#NA JASON KACINKO FR.
6-6 300 **PS#28**
Could play right away as true. Allowed 0 sks in HS career in spread offense.

RG

#66 JORDAN GRIMES SO.
6-3 313 **PS#89**
400 bench. 1st true OL to ever play for Tiller in his 31 yr career! 2nd string, 9 gms, starter at RG in bowl LY.

#60 ZACH SMITH rFR.
6-4 285 **PS#138**
No spring '05 due to surgery. Broken leg and knee injury prior to bowl.

C

#56 MATT TURNER SR.
6-3 290 **PS#85DL**
Most consistent OL, 12 sts at C LY. 13 sts at LG, 27 pancakes, 80% grade in 9 gms in '03. 9 gms, 6 sts at LG as rFr.

#68 ROBBIE POWELL SO.
6-5 283 **PS#399**
Heir apparent at C. 2nd string C as rFr. Fiesty.

LG

#67 UCHE NWANERI JR.
6-3 313 **PS#178DL**
12 sts at LG LY. 3 gms, 2nd string in '03. DE on scout tm as true.

#53 NICK FINCHER SO.
6-4 287 **PS#77**
Offseason surgery in '05. 2nd string LY. Torn ACL in bowl practices as true.

LT

#65 MIKE OTTO JR.
6-5 292 **PS#273**
Tiller called him out after "average" '04 season, 12 sts at LT. HM Big 10, 13 sts at LT, 24 pancakes, 80% grade in 8 gms as rFr.

#77 RYAN NOBLET SO.
6-6 291 **PS#197**
No spring '05 due to surgery. 2nd string LY after torn pectoral over summer.

DEFENSE

DE

#49 ANTHONY SPENCER JR.
6-3 263 **PS#44**
HM Big 10, 12 sts, 33 tkls, 7.5 sks, 2 tfl, 6 pbu LY. 10 gms, 6 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr.

#93 ROB NINKOVICH SR.
6-3 251 **PS#138JC**
12 gms, 23 tkls, 8 sks including school record 4 vs Indiana, 4 pbu, goal line TE LY. 16 sks at JC in '03.

DT

#55 BRANDON VILLARREAL SR.
6-2 289 **PS#72LB**
HM Big 10, 12 sts, 50 tkls, 5.5 sks, 12 tfl, 3 pbu LY. 13 gms, 24 tkls, 5 tfl in '03. 12 gms, 33 tkls, 4.5 tfl as rFr.

#98 DAN MCGOWEN JR.
6-0 279 **PS#334LB**
1 of tm's strongest. 10 gms, 4 tkls, 2 tfl LY. 2 gms, 1 tfl as rFr walk-on.

DT

#58 BRENT GROVER SR.
6-3 303 **PS#10LB**
12 sts, 41 tkls, 6 tfl. team leader with 8 pbu, 1 blk'd FG LY. 13 sts, 32 tkls, 5.5 tfl in '03. 13 gms, L/9 sts, 33 tkls, 3.5 tfl as rFr.

#90 RYAN BAKER rFR.
6-6 267 **PS#17**
Could beat out senior for starting job. +70 lbs on bench, moved from TE to DT in RS season.

DE

#10 RAY EDWARDS JR.
6-6 270 **PS#19LB**
HM Big 10, Hendricks Award semifinalist, 12 sts, 45 tkls, 8 sks, 3 tfl, 4 pbu LY. 13 gms, 10 tkls, 2.5 sks as true.

#45 GENE BRIGHT SO.
6-4 250 **PS#176LB**
12 gms, 13 tkls, 3 tfl, Defensive Newcomer of spring award LY. Moved from LB to DE in RS yr.

CB

#33 BRIAN HICKMAN SR.
6-0 178 **PS#430**
12 sts, 52 tkls, 8 pbu, 1 int LY. 10 gms, 2 tkls in '03. 3 gms as rFr.

#24 SEAN PETTY SR.
5-11 174 **PS#377**
9 gms, 13 tkls, 1 pbu LY. 4 gms, 1 st in bowl due to inj, 1 tkl in '03. 12 gms, 8 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr.

OLB

#39 BOBBY IWUCHUKWU SR.
6-2 246 **PS#162**
6 career blocked kicks. 1st 8 sts until torn ACL, 40 tkls, 4.5 tfl despite broken thumb LY. 13 gms, 14 tkls in '03. 13 gms, 4 tkls as rFr.

#85 CLIFF AVRIL SO.
6-3 231 **PS#183**
Could be moved to DE. 12 gms, L/ 4 sts due to inj, 36 tkls, 3.5 tfl as true.

MLB

#30 GEORGE HALL JR.
6-2 250 **PS#86**
HM Big 10, 12 sts, 92 tkls, 6 tfl, 4 pbu, 2 int LY. 13 gms as LB/FB/sp tms, 1 st at FB, 13 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. Scout tm Def POY as true.

#17 JOSH FERGUSON SO.
6-3 234 **PS#184**
7 gms, 6 tkls as rFr. Only 16 yrs old when he arrived.

OLB

#59 STANFORD KEGLAR SO.
6-2 227 **PS#115**
12 sts, 61 tkls, 4.5 tfl, 3 pbu, 1 int LY. 1 gm until ankle inj as true.

#34 KYLE WILLIAMS FR.
6-2 206 **PS#5**
Will play immediately after NCAA's ruling. DNQ at Iowa LY. Here for '04 bowl practices after gaining eligibility.

CB

#25 PAUL LONG SO.
6-2 193 **PS#220**
12 gms, 7 sts, 23 tkls, 2 tfl, 4 pbu, 1 int LY. FS in spring '04 but CB in fall.

#5 ZACH LOGAN rFR.
6-1 174 **PS#90**
#4 Big 10 400m on track. Hamstring injury forced RS LY but made travelling squad as emergency DB.

FS

#13 TORRI WILLIAMS SO.
6-2 200 **PS#300WR**
#1 FS until broken leg in spring '05. 9 gms, 14 tkls, 1 sk as true.

#7 KYLE SMITH SR.
6-4 216 **PS#117QB**
12 sts, 76 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu LY. 13 gms, 1 st at FS, 11 tkls, QB in bowl due to inj in '03. Bkup QB as rFr.

#NA JASON WERNER FR.
6-4 200 **PS#38**
4.5 speed. IN Mr Football with state leading 14 int as HS Sr.

P

#16 DAVE BRYTUS SO.
6-4 227 **PS#3**
53 punts, 40.0 avg, 35.9 net, 15 inside 20, bowl sp tms MVP as true. 42.6 avg with 18 inside 20 as HS Sr. Black belt in karate.

SS

#31 BERNARD POLLARD SO.
6-2 226 **PS#57**
2nd TM Big 10, 12 sts, 96 tkls, 3 tfl, 5 pbu, 1 int LY. 13 gms, 12 sts, 66 tkls, 4 tfl as true.

#26 LANCE MELVIN rFR.
5-9 193 **PS#115**
Newcomer Player of Year in spring '05. QB/DB as HS Sr.

DE Ray Edwards

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Offensive Coor/TE's: Jim Chaney, 9th year
With the longest current tenure of any Big 10 OC Chaney made the move with Tiller from Wyoming. Chaney was Wyoming's OL coach/recruiting coordinator from '95-'96 after arriving there in '93 as a grad assistant.

Quarterbacks: Blaine Bennett, 5th year
Bennett arrived here after coaching Western Oregon from '95-2000 where he compiled a 27-32 record. Bennett served as a grad assistant at Washington St where he met Tiller.

Running Backs: David Mitchell, 3rd year
In his long career Mitchell has coached 26 players who went on to the NFL. Prior to his stint at West Lafayette he was the OC at Div II Lincoln University ('02). He also was the OC/WR coach at N Texas in 2000 and the RB coach at Missouri ('97-'99), Arkansas ('94-'96) and Syracuse ('91-'93).

WR's/Recruiting Coor: Bob DeBesse, 3rd year
After serving as the HC at SW Texas St from '97-02 where he compiled a record of 27-39, DeBesse returned to the Big 10. His previous conference experience was as OC at Minnesota from '92-96.

Offensive Line: Bill Legg, 3rd year
Legg arrived after serving as the TE coach and recruiting coordinator at Marshall from '01-02. He was the OC at West Virginia in '00 after serving as the interior OL coach the previous 5 seasons.

DEFENSE

Defensive Coor/LB's: Brock Spack, 9th year
The former Boilermaker All Big 10 LB has been Tiller's DC for the last 11 years here and at Wyoming. This is Spack's 2nd go around at Purdue as he served as the ILB coach here from '91-94.

DT's/special teams: Mark Hagen, 6th year
Hagen was the DT coach in all of his 6 seasons here and the special teams coordinator L2Y. He was Northern Illinois' DT coach from '96-99 in his first full-time coaching job.

Defensive Ends: Tony Samuel, 1st year
The newest addition to the staff, Samuel was hired in March '05 after being New Mexico St's HC from '97-'04. Samuel compiled a 34-57 record in Las Cruses running an offense that he imported from his alma mater Nebraska. From '86-'96 Samuel was the OLB/DE coach for the Cornhuskers under Tom Osborne where he coached 12 future NFL players.

Defensive Backs: Lou Anarumo, 2nd year
Anarumo is the 2nd assistant plucked directly from Marshall on the present staff as he served as the DB coach there from '01-03. Previously he was the assistant HC/DB coach/special teams coordinator at Harvard from '95-2000.

Strength: Jim Lathrop, 8th year
Made the move to the Big 10 after being the strength coach at Wyoming from '93-'97. Lathrop was the strength director at Georgia Tech from '90-'92 after being an assistant strength coach im '88-'89.

SS Bernard Pollard

GAME BY GAME TEAM STATS

VERSUS	SYR	BALL ST	ILL	ND	PENN ST	WISK	MICH	N'WSTN	IOWA	OHIO ST	IND	BOWL	TOTALS
SCORE	51	59	38	41	20	17	14	10	21	24	63	23	381
FD's	25	34	28	22	17	26	13	20	19	24	37	15	280
TOTAL YARDS	571	599	515	512	348	367	263	332	357	384	763	347	4340
RUSH YARDS	41-237	42-231	37-149	28-99	32-73	40-132	33-50	41-122	27-52	43-120	34-173	26-66	424-1504
PASS YARDS	334	368	366	413	275	235	213	210	305	264	590	281	3854
COM-ATT	17-32	26-30	35-50	22-32	24-35	25-45	14-30	20-42	27-45	29-42	35-56	23-47	297-486
INT	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	8
SACKS VS/Yds	0-0	0-0	1-11	2-17	3-9	5-25	3-26	1-9	6-38	3-13	5-40	2-16	31-204
FUMBLES/Lost	1-0	3-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	4-2	2-1	1-1	3-3	1-0	3-1	2-2	22-10
OPPONENTS STATS													
SCORE	0	7	30	16	13	20	16	13	23	17	24	27	206
FD's	12	13	25	28	15	16	22	14	18	11	19	26	219
TOTAL YARDS	197	197	390	536	311	295	394	278	321	338	358	528	2879
RUSH YARDS	32-40	37-71	34-175	36-76	17-18	30-84	43-204	33-130	34-43	30-146	39-119	40-158	405-1264
PASS YARDS	157	126	215	460	293	211	190	148	278	192	239	370	1615
COM-ATT	15-26	11-16-0	22-37	29-49	29-51	17-32	22-39	11-30	25-46	14-29	21-34	25-45	241-434
INT	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	8
SACKS BY/Yds	3-22	4-35	1-11	7-31	2-12	0-0	2-15	1-2	3-13	3-18	6-47	3-27	35-233
FUMBLES/Lost	4-1	1-0	2-2	2-1	0-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	19-7

INDIVIDUAL GAME PERFORMANCES

RUSHING	SYR	BALL ST	ILL	ND	PENN ST	WISK	MICH	N'WSTN	IOWA	OHIO ST	IND	BOWL
Jerod Void	15-83-1	11-69-1	12-61-0	11-53-0	17-46-0	16-74-0	20-48-1	17-44-0	11-54-0	10-34-0	8-43-0	11-16-0
Brandon Jones	4-10-0	13-63-0	15-77-0	9-44-0	5-21-1	8-39-0	2-2-0	11-38-0	9-28-0	21-78-0	11-47-1	5-30-0
Kyle Orton	6-32-0	3-13-1	9-6-1	6-3-0	9-8-0	15-13-1	10-8-0	5-9-0	–	–	9-8-0	8-12-0
Dorien Bryant	2-7-0	1-3-0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1-5-0	1-62-1	–
Jerome Brooks	8-67-1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
PASSING												
Kyle Orton	16-30-0	23-26-0	35-50-0	21-31-0	24-35-2	25-45-1	14-30-1	15-33-1	–	7-8-0	33-54-0	23-47-3
(Com-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	287-4	329-5	366-4	385-4	275-1	235-1	213-1	143-1		54-1	522-6	281-3
Brandon Kirsch	1-2-0	3-4-0	–	–	–	–	–	5-9-0	25-34-2	22-34-1	2-2-0	–
	47-1	39-0						67-0	280-3	210-2	68-1	–
RECEIVING												
Taylor Stubblefield	5-121-2	5-88-3	11-115-3	7-181-2	7-63-1	3-40-0	1-10-0	4-29-0	15-153-1	10-76-0	14-138-3	7-81-1
Kyle Ingram	2-15-0	3-34-1	3-45-0	4-29-1	5-43-0	5-61-0	–	3-43-0	6-70-1	8-72-2	11-209-2	1-3-0
Dorien Bryant	1-3-0	4-60-1	2-15-0	2-78-0	3-47-0	6-68-0	4-62-0	5-60-1	–	2-37-0	5-131-1	4-23-0
Charles Davis	2-15-0	5-47-0	3-31-0	1-13-0	2-60-0	3-22-1	2-18-0	6-74-0	2-25-0	3-26-0	2-68-1	3-17-1
Brian Hare	1-75-1	1-4-0	2-20-0	1-36-0	–	2-15-0	2-43-0	–	1-48-1	–	–	3-97-1
Brandon Jones	2-34-1	–	7-95-1	–	2-22-0	2-22-0	2-68-1	–	3-9-0	2-16-0	1-5-0	1-24-0
Jerod Void	2-15-0	2-27-0	3-19-0	1-15-0	4-34-0	3-15-0	1-1-0	1-3-0	–	2-16-0	2-39-0	–
Dustin Keller	1-47-1	3-41-0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1-14-1	–	–

PURDUE'S 2005 ROSTER

#	Name	Yr	POS	HT	WT	Hometown
85	Cliff Avril	SO	LB	6-3	231	Green Cove Spgs, FL
90	Ryan Baker	rFR	DT	6-6	267	Indianapolis, IN
43	Jeff Bennett	SR	TE	6-4	267	Evansville, IN
78	Cory Benton	rFR	OT	6-3	245	Indianapolis, IN
36	Dan Bick	SO	LB	6-1	216	Louisville, KY
24	Sean Bird	SO	WR	6-2	202	Fort Wayne, IN
45	Eugene Bright	SO	DE	6-4	250	Bryn Mawr, PA
9	Dorien Bryant	SO	WR	5-10	175	Swedesboro, NJ
16	Dave Brytus	SO	P	6-4	227	McDonald, PA
22	Garret Bushong	SO	TE	6-5	240	Ionia, MI
91	Nick Cavallo	JR	DE	6-3	256	Plainville, CT
3	Aaron Charles	SO	P	6-3	215	Indianapolis, IN
20	Andre Chattams	JR	WR	6-0	204	Dayton, OH
83	Jake Cunningham	SO	WR	5-11	186	Pontiac, IL
87	Charles Davis	SR	TE	6-6	260	Fraser, MI
19	Paul Dubler	JR	CB	6-1	180	Gurnee, IL
47	Mike Durrett	SO	LB	6-0	210	Indianapolis, IN
10	Ray Edwards	JR	DE	6-6	270	Cincinnati, OH
17	Josh Ferguson	SO	LB	6-3	234	Altamonte Spgs, FL
53	Nick Fincher	SO	OG	6-4	287	Clinton Township, MI
15	Christian Graham	FR	CB	6-2	182	Indianapolis, IN
66	Jordan Grimes	SO	OG	6-3	313	Plainfield, IN
58	Brent Grover	SR	DT	6-3	303	Fort Thomas, KY
79	Jermaine Guynn	rFR	DT	6-1	276	Indianapolis, IN
30	George Hall	JR	LB	6-2	250	Groton, CT
80	Brian Hare	SR	WR	6-3	190	Arlington Heights, IL
42	Anthony Heygood	rFR	FB	6-2	215	Chester, PA
33	Brian Hickman	SR	CB	6-0	178	Houston, TX
52	Adam Huebner	JR	DE	6-3	265	St John, IN
89	Kyle Ingraham	JR	WR	6-9	228	San Antonio, TX
39	Bobby Iwuchukwu	SR	LB	6-2	246	Arlington, TX
35	Ben Jones	SR	K	6-1	213	Zionsville, IN
27	Brandon Jones	SR	RB	5-11	236	Peru, IN
72	Jamaal Jones	rFR	OG	6-4	300	Englewood, NJ
59	Stanford Keglar	SO	LB	6-2	227	Indianapolis, IN
28	Dustin Keller	SO	TE	6-4	245	Lafayette, IN
11	Brandon Kirsch	JR	QB	6-3	208	Lebanon, PA
48	Pat Kohtz	JR	SS	6-1	208	Frankfort, IN
41	John Lampert	JR	LB	6-3	218	Abilene, TX
86	Chase Lecklider	JR	WR	6-0	196	Indianapolis, IN
5	Zach Logan	rFR	CB	6-1	174	Trotwood, OH
25	Paul Long	SO	CB	6-2	193	Dayton, OH
4	Fabian Martin	rFR	CB	5-11	188	Chicago, IL
38	Brian Mattaway	JR	SS	5-8	199	Philadelphia, PA
61	Chris Mattson	SO	LS	6-0	204	Carmel, IN
98	Dan McGowen	JR	DT	6-0	279	Denham, IN
26	Lance Melvin	rFR	SS	5-9	193	Bridgewater, NJ
51	Garret Miller	rFR	OT	6-8	263	Bay City, TX
93	Rob Ninkovich	SR	DE	6-3	251	New Lenox, IL
77	Ryan Noblet	SO	OT	6-6	291	Speedway, IN
23	Kevin Noel	SR	WR	6-3	203	Bolingbrook, IL
67	Uche Nwaneri	JR	OG	6-3	313	Garland, TX
65	Mike Otto	JR	OT	6-5	292	Kokomo, IN
12	Curtis Painter	rFR	QB	6-4	212	Vincennes, IN
99	Jonathan Patton	rFR	DT	6-4	269	Chicago, IL
24	Sean Petty	SR	CB	5-11	174	Round Rock, TX
31	Bernard Pollard	JR	SS	6-2	226	Fort Wayne, IN
68	Robbie Powell	SO	C	6-5	283	Roanoke, VA
37	Rafael Price	SO	FS	6-1	195	Lake Station, IN
64	Nick Raben	JR	OT	6-3	261	Evansville, IN
15	David Ramirez	FR	QB	6-2	202	Red Oak, TX
81	Al Royal	JR	LB	6-0	236	Belle Glades, FL
74	Sean Sester	rFR	OT	6-8	282	Fort Thomas, KY
40	Kory Sheets	rFR	RB	6-0	201	Manchester, CT
7	Kyle Smith	SR	FS	6-4	216	West Babylon, NY
60	Zach Smith	rFR	OG	6-4	285	Terrace Park, OH
49	Anthony Spencer	JR	DE	6-3	263	Fort Wayne, IN
88	Jake Standeford	SO	WR	6-2	197	Monrovia, IN
6	Desmond Tardy	rFR	WR	6-1	183	Indianapolis, IN
69	Neal Tull	SO	OG	6-3	292	Lafayette, IN
56	Matt Turner	SR	C	6-3	290	Kirtland, OH
55	Brandon Villareal	SR	DT	6-2	289	Allen, TX
32	Jerod Void	SR	RB	6-2	212	Clinton, MD
8	Grant Walker	SO	WR	6-2	190	Hutto, TX
94	Jerry Wasikowski	rFR	TE	6-4	243	Cudahy, WI
36	Casey Welch	JR	K	5-9	165	Ford City, PA
19	Brandon Whittington	rFR	WR	6-2	198	Collingswood, NJ
84	Byron Williams	SO	WR	6-3	191	Clayton, NJ
34	Kyle Williams	FR	LB	6-2	212	Bolingbrook, IL
2	Ray Williams	SR	WR	6-2	193	Scotch Plains, NJ
13	Torri Williams	SO	FS	6-2	200	Cedar Park, TX
73	Dan Zaleski	rFR	OT	6-4	288	Richmond, IN

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS THE LAST 3 YEARS

2004 SEASON

RECORD: 7-5 BIG 10 RECORD: 4-4

PURDUE 51 Syracuse 0 - Reyes coming off two 1,000 yd rushing seasons was held to 31 yds on 12 carries as SU started a frosh at QB for the 1st time since 1982. PU had a 20-0 halftime lead on a 75 yd TD pass and a TD run. SU only 1H drive ended on a missed 24yd FG (bad snap). PU got a 67 yd TD pass to Stubblefield and after a SU punt drove 57 yds in 7 plays and a 32 yd TD made it 34-0. PU with Kirsch at QB appeared to be running out the clock but on 3rd & 7 Kirsch hit Keller with a 47 yd TD pass, 51-0.

PURDUE 59 Ball St 7 - PU had a 380-67 yd edge in the 1H and Kyle Orton simply played 1 series in the 2H as the Boilers led 52-0. PU scored on all 7 1H possessions with 6 TD's and a FG. They ended up with 34-13 FD and 599-197 yd edges.

Purdue 38 ILLINOIS 30 - UI ran a reverse on the game's 1st play and WR Adeyemo fmbl'd and broke his leg. Three plays later PU had a TD. UI went 67 yds in 13 plays but settled for a 24 yd FG. PU answered with a 45 yd FG, 10-3. IL got a 72 yd KR and went 28 yds for a TD to tie it. PU converted on 3rd & 21 for a FD on a 73 yd TD drive. UI went 62 yds and nailed a 48 yd FG, 17-13. PU went 87 yds and a 49 yd TD pass on 3rd & 10 made it 24-13. UI answered with a 57 yd TD drive. At the half, PU had a 272-195 yd edge but UI had a 138-39 rush edge. UI got a 27 yd PR down to the PU 39 but had a 45 yd FG blk'd. PU went 72 yds for a TD, 31-20. UI settled for a 22 yd FG after having a 1st & goal at the 4. UI blk'd a punt but PU picked it up and ran for a FD. PU later went 91 yds scoring on a 34 yd TD pass on 3rd & 8, 38-23. UI went 80 yds in 12 plays for a TD with 4:42 left. PU got 1 FD & punted with just :45 left. UI started at their 14. They fmbl'd and PU rec'd all the way back at the 1 yd line. With :34 left PU actually ran the ball trying for the TD but were stopped.

Purdue 41 NOTRE DAME 16 - Big plays went the Boilermakers way as at the half the FD's were even (12), yds almost even at 228-206 but PU led 20-3. Kyle Orton improved his TD/int ratio to 17-0. The teams traded FG's. The first big play of the game for PU happened when they ret'd the KO 102 yds for a TD. PU after a Blk'd FG went 48 yds in 7 plays and kicked a 39 yd FG,13-3 and led 20-3 at the half. PU was pinned at their 3 on 3rd & 10. Orton went deep and hit Stubblefield for a 97 yd TD pass, the longest TD ever allowed by ND. ND went 63 yds for a TD, 26-10. PU got a 56 yd pass to Bryant then on 3rd & 9 the pass was bobbled and caught OOB but they gave him a TD, 34-10. The Irish went 76 yds for a TD, 34-16 (2 pt ng). PU answered with a 75 yd TD drive.

Purdue 20 PENN ST 13 - After a 16 yd PR, PU started at the PSU 39 and nailed a 50 yd FG, 3-0. After a punt PU drove 86 yds in 7 plays and got a TD,10-0. PSU answered with a 62 yd 6 play drive and a 37 yd TD pass to Golden made it 10-7. PSU went 46 yds in 9 plays and nailed a 38 yd FG with :24 left in the half, 10-10. In the 3Q PU opened with an 80 yd 8 play drive for a TD which came on a 40 yd pass, 17-10. PSU went 60 yds in 11 plays but settled for a 27 yd FG, 17-13. PU went on a 44 yd 11 play drive and nailed a 46 yd FG for a 7 pt lead with 2:48 left. After a 64 yd return PSU got to the PU 33 but on 4th & 10 their pass fell incomplete.

Wisconsin 20 PURDUE 17 - After shutting out PU in the 1H and holding them to 122 ttl yds, the Badgers went 78 yds 11 plays for a TD. UW missed a 57 yd FG on the final play of the half. At the half, UW had a 155-122 yd edge. PU started to move. They went 83 yds in 11 plays for a TD. Hawthorne was inj'd during the drive so 3 DL's were out. Pass interfer gave PU a FD and they hit a 35 yd FG, 10-7. PU went 65 yds in 9 plays for a TD, 17-7. UW answered with a 73 yd drive for a TD. PU was trying to run the clock out with 2:49 left. The ball came out and Starks picked it up and ret'd it 40 yds for a TD with 2:36 left in the game, 20-17. PU converted on 4th & 2 and got to the 22. A sack pushed them back & missed a 42 yd FG with :24 left.

Michigan 16 PURDUE 14 - PU went 65 yds for a TD. UM drove 80 yds and Hart's 24 yd TD rec tied it at 7. UM went 53 yds and nailed a 30 yd FG, 10-7. UM was int'd at the PU 19. PU went 53 yds and a 44 yd FG was blk'd on the 1H's final play. PU was int'd at the UM 42 on a deep pass. UM went 37 yds but missed a 38 yd FG. PU got a 63 yd TD pass and took a 14-10 lead. UM went 72 yds but settled for a 25 yd FG, 14-13. A Breaston 26 yd PR set up UM for a 32 yd FG att (blk'd). UM went 45 yds & Rivas hit a 35 yd FG w/2:45 left to give UM the 16-14 lead. PU got a big pass play but WR Bryant fmbl'd & UM rec'd at the 43 w/2:03 left.

NORTHWESTERN 13 Purdue 10 - 40 mph winds. PU QB Orton was playing with a hip inj. Orton fmbl'd on the 3rd play at the PU 28 setting up a NW TD. Void ret'd the KO 71 yds but PU settled for a 23 yd FG. After a 23 yd punt, PU drove 36 yds for a TD and the lead, 10-7. Orton was int'd and Kirsch came in at QB. Basanez led NW 84 yds scoring the game winning TD with :38 left.

IOWA 23 Purdue 21 - PU QB Orton DNP with Kirsch getting the start. Iowa went 74 yds for a TD incl 28 & 31 yd passes on B2B plays to Chandler. PU drove 65 yds but they settled for a 32 yd FG which was blk'd. PU fmbl'd a punt on its own 18 setting up an Iowa 34 yd FG. Kirsch was sk'd & fmbl'd at the PU 37 which set up another Iowa TD. PU got a 48 yd TD pass to make it 17-7 at half. Iowa got a 31 yd drive but missed a 47 yd FG. Tate was int'd by Williams whose return and Iowa penalty put the Boilers at the Iowa 10. PU however had a 27 yd FG blk'd. PU went 55 yds for a TD. Iowa would go 94 yds including a 47 yd pass on 3rd & 15 but they settled for a 22 yd FG, 20-14. PU was int'd by Allen & ret'd 18 yds to the Iowa 32. Iowa then settled for a 26 yd FG. Kirsch was int'd again & Lewis ret'd it to the Iowa 28 but the Hawks missed a 42 yd FG. PU was sk'd & fmbl'd at their own 18 but Iowa had a 27 yd FG blk'd. PU would go 42 yds for a TD with :25 left.

PURDUE 24 Ohio St 17 - PU's Kirsch started for an inj'd Orton. OSU went 46 yds and got a 44 yd FG. PU went 67 yds but settled for a 33 yd FG, 3-3. PU went 78 yds in 14 plays for a TD, 10-3. PU went 76 yds and got a TD with 1:31 left 1H, 17-3. OSU went on a 66 yd drive and Holmes caught a 30 yd TD pass. PU was int'd & ret'd 14 yds to the 36. OSU got to the 8 but the Bucks fmbl'd on 3rd & goal at the 6. OSU went 44 yds for a TD. Orton led PU 80 yds in 9 plays and his 14 yd TD pass made it 24-17. OSU was int'd 2 plays later at their own 34.

PURDUE 63 Indiana 24 - Kyle Orton threw for 401 yds and 5 TD's in the 1H and led 42-10 at the half. In the 3Q PU went 59 yds in 8 plays for a TD, 49-10. Indy went 65 yds in 9 plays for a TD, 49-17. Kirsh came in at QB and on 2nd & 5 Bryant ripped off a 62 yd TD run, 56-17. After a punt PU went 80 yds in 5 plays for a TD with Kirsh's 61 yd TD pass, 63-17 with 5:09 left. Indy went on a 69 yd 8 play drive for a garbage TD with 1:09 left.

2003 SEASON

RECORD: 9-4 BIG 10 RECORD: 6-2

B Green 27 PURDUE 26 - PU opened with a 46 yd TD drive. BG drove 80 yds in 13 plays for a TD mid 2Q. After a PU fmbl, BG nailed a 47 yd FG with 1:32 left in 1H. PU drove 59 yds and got a 31 yd FG with :12 left in the half, 10-10. BG punted from their own 39, but PU was called for 12 men on the field giving BG a FD. BG got a 38 yd pass on the next play and then an 8 yd TD run to lead 17-10. PU drove 72 yds for a TD to tie with 3:41 left 3Q. BG drove 64 yds in 14 plays for a 37 yd FG. PU answered with a 44 yd TD pass with 10:24 left to take the lead, 24-20. On 4th & 15, BG got a 32 yd TD pass with 2:08 left for the lead. PU drove to the BG 32 but were SOD and BG took an intentional safety.

Purdue 16 WAKE FOREST 10 - WF was in the Top 20 for the 1st time since 1987. An int set up a PU 27 yd FG and WF drove for a 37 yd FG. PU capped a 52 yd drive with a TD pass, 10-3 but WF drove 80 yds for a TD to tie. PU drove 60 yds in 13 plays but fmbl'd on 4th & 1 at the WF 20. The Boilers got a 41 yd FG on the next poss, 13-10 at half. PU's D held WF to 3 & out on their 1st 3 poss of the 3Q. PU then went 60 yds for a 38 yd FG, 16-10. WF faced a 4th & 16 with 2:42 left and punted from midfield but PU fmbl'd on their own 25. On 4th & 1 WF was tkl'd for a 4 yd loss and PU ran out the clock.

PURDUE 59 Arizona 7 - PU dominated the 1H with a 283-58 yd edge but needed an 81 yd pass with :40 left to lead 24-0. They were up 38-0 when they threw an int and UA, behind 3rd string Fr QB Heavner, drove 53 yds in 5 plays for a TD with 4:09 left 3Q. PU tacked on 3 TD's with the 3rd stringers to extend the margin and finished with a 580-174 yd edge.

PURDUE 23 Notre Dame10 - ND had 18-13 FD & 376-223 yd edges but lost. PU got a 56 yd TD drive and then after the first of Quinn's (first start as true frosh) four int's added a 46 yd FG, 10-0. ND drove 61 yds but settled for a 19 yd FG and PU got a 31 yd FG with 2:12 left 1H. ND got an 85 yd TD pass, 13-10 at the half. In the 3Q PU got a 29 yd FG. The Boilers later int'd a pass at the ND 13 and 4 plays later had a TD, 23-10. The Irish were int'd at the PU 20, SOD at the PU 25 and their last drive got to the PU 23 where they were also SOD.

PURDUE 43 Illinois 10 - IL's HC Turner said, "We were physically dominated early and never really had a chance to get into the game." PU had 29-11 FD and 533-191 yd edges. PU was SOD at the IL 1 and had a 23 yd FG blk'd but still led 27-3 at the half. IL got a 40 yd PR for their only TD of the game and PU tacked on a TD with :35 left for the final.

PURDUE 28 Penn St 14 - PU went 71 yds for a TD and missed a 54 yd FG and led 7-0 after 1Q. PSU kept a drive alive with a fake FG on 4th & 7 for a FD and tied it on the next play. PSU was int'd on their own 30 and PU got a 42 yd FG. PU then got a 75 yd PR for a TD by Chambers who set a single game school record with 149 yds in PR's, 17-7. PU was int'd & Zemaitis ret'd it 90 yds to the 6. PSU got a TD with :24 left 2Q, 17-14. PU got a 32 yd FG in the 3Q and then after drove 42 yds for a TD, 28-14 (2 pt good). PSU was int'd at the PU 15 and fmbl'd with 2:44 left.

Purdue 26 WISCONSIN 23 - PU had 27-12 FD and 477-293 yd edges. PU drove 59 yds for a TD after an int and then 70 yds for a TD after a fmbl and led 14-0 as Orton completed his first 15 passes. UW drove 62 yds for a TD and then got a 55 yd fmbl return for a TD, 14-13 (xpng). PU nailed a 42 yd FG with 4:11 left 1H and led 17-13. The teams traded long FG drives. PU then added a 27 yd FG, 23-16 with 8:20 left. UW fmbl'd at the PU 29 but later UW's Leonard ret'd a punt 63 yds for a TD, 23-23. PU then drove 82 yds and nailed an 18 yd FG with :03 left for the win.

MICHIGAN 31 Purdue 3 - UM took drives 65 and 49 yds for TD's. Late in the half PU rec'd a fmbl at the UM 28 and had a 1st & goal at the 6 but was int'd at the 3 with :38 left 1H. In the 3Q PU went 46 yds and had a 1st & goal at the 4 but settled for a FG. UM then went 80 yds for a TD. PU was pinned at its own 2 and fmbl'd and UM's Curry ret'd it 1 yd for a TD, 28-3. UM went 62 yds nailing a 27 yd FG with 5:50 left, 31-3. PU was int'd at the UM 43 and only got to the UM 39 on their final drive.

PURDUE 34 N'western 14 - NW's 4-0 TO deficit was the key. PU drove 39 and 12 yds for TD's after NW fmbl's. NW fmbl'd at the PU 19 stopping a drive and PU drove 75 yds settling for an 18 yd FG, 17-0. NW scored a TD with :45 left 1H. PU then drove 48 yds for a 28 yd FG and led 20-7 at the half. PU drove 39 yds for a TD, 27-7. NW fmbl'd on 4th & goal at the 1 and PU drove 98 yds for a TD, 34-7. NW later fmbl'd on the PU 20. The Cats drove 74 yds for a TD with 1:14 left.

PURDUE 27 Iowa 14 - PU took their opening poss 57 yds for a TD. Iowa drove to the PU 9 but Kaeding missed a 34 yd FG. PU drove 56 yds for a 44 yd FG. A Chambers PR set up a PU 42 yd FG on the 1H's final play, 13-0. The Boilers ret'd the 2H KO 44 yds setting up a Chambers 45 yd TD rec. PU added a 63 yd TD drive, 27-0. UI ret'd the KO 33 yds which set up a 63 yd TD drive. The Hawks added a 67 yd TD drive. PU then drove 60 yds in 15 plays which took up 7:51 but missed a 32 yd FG. Iowa drove to the PU 31 but was int'd on the game's final play.

OHIO ST 16 Purdue 13 (OT) - OSU P Sander did a great job pinning PU inside the 20 six times during the game. PU went 53 yds for a 45 yd FG. OSU got a 60 yd pass down to the PU 13 but settled for a 25 yd FG. PU ret'd the KO to midfield and got a 47 yd FG. OSU nailed a 52 yd FG, 6-6 at the half. PU went on an 86 yd, 14 play drive but missed a 28 yd FG. Pinned at their own 5, Orton was sk'd and fmbl'd and OSU DL Kudla rec'd it for a TD, 13-6. PU got a 92 yd TD drive with 4:36 left. PU fmbl'd on their own 29 with 1:36 left but OSU had a 41 yd FG blk'd on the final play. OSU settled for a 30 yd FG but PU missed a 37 yd FG in OT.

Purdue 24 INDIANA 16 - PU opened with an 80 yd TD drive. Indy got a 36 yd run by Green-Ellis to set up a 39 yd FG. IU ret'd a fmbl to the PU 16, but IU had a 26 yd FG blk'd. Indy missed a 45 yd FG on their next drive and PU got a 41 yd TD pass. Indy was SOD at the PU 24 and trailed 14-3 at the half. PU got a 33 yd TD pass to Standeford. Indy drove 67 yds for a TD and then got a 40 yd FG after a 40 yd drive to pull within 21-13 after 3Q's. PU was int'd and Indy got a 22 yd FG, 21-16. PU drove 74 yds but settled for a 22 yd FG with 5:25 left.

2002 SEASON

RECORD: 7-6 BIG 10 RECORD: 4-4

PURDUE 51 Illinois St 10 - PU had 337 yds offense at the half and had scoring drives of 72, 52, 26 (after fmbl), 55 and 39 (after fmbl) yds. ISU got 15 yd TD drive after a fmbl'd punt but PU answered w/an 88 yd TD drive. ISU went 63 yds for a 27 yd FG and in the 4Q PU had 33 & 80 yd TD drives.

NOTRE DAME 24 Purdue 17 - PU had a 318-203 yd edge and ND did not score an offensive TD. It was 17-7 at the half w/PU having a 157-144 yd edge. PU drove 71 yds for a TD and added a 35 yd FG in the 4Q to tie it at 17. ND got a 33 yd int return for a TD w/5:00 left.

PURDUE 28 W Michigan 24 - PU drove 75 yds for a TD but WM ret'd the KO 76 yds for a TD & added another, 14-7. In the 3Q PU drove 31 yds for a TD & went 30 yds for a TD after a fmbl on the next poss, 21-14. Mid 4Q WM got a 71 yd pass to the 15 and got a15 yd TD run on the next play, 21-14. PU got consec long passes for a TD w/5:26 left.

Wake Forest 24 PURDUE 21 - PU's 3 missed FG's and 5 TO's were key. PU drove 78 yds for a TD but fmbl'd at the WF 9 & punted late 2Q. WF drove 90 yds for a TD, 7-7. After a fmbl, WF drove 41 yds for a TD w/:43 left in the half, but PU got a 51 yd TD pass w/:19 left to tie, 14-14. In the 3Q PU fmbl'd at their own 38 setting up a WF 41 yd FG. PU got a 73 yd TD pass, 21-17 but WF drove 92 yds for a TD, 24-21. PU missed a 46, a 40, and a 44 yd FG in the 4Q.

PURDUE 28 Minnesota 15 - PU took their opening poss 77 yds for a TD but 3 fmbl's and a blk'd punt set up UM for three 1H FG's, 9-7 at the half. PU ret'd an int 23 yds for a TD and added a 55 yd TD drive. After a UM fmbl was ret'd 35 yds to the 3, PU added another TD to lead 28-9 after 3Q's. UM was SOD at the PU 24 w/10:29 left but scored a TD w/5:31 left, 28-15. PU rec'd the onside kick, but missed a 36 yd FG w/:06 left.

IOWA 31 Purdue 28 - PU had 30-14 FD and 507-384 yd edges. PU had 86 & 71 yd TD drives, 14-3. UI blk'd a FG & ret'd it for a TD w/1:20 left 1H, 14-10. Iowa blk'd a punt for a TD, 17-14. Iowa threw a short pass to TE Clark on 3rd & 8 from their own 5 & he broke 3 tkl's to go 95 yds for a TD, 24-14. PU QB Orton missed the rest of gm (concussion). Kirsch led 90 & 67 yd TD drives for a 28-24 lead. Iowa was SOD at their own 48 w/2:40 left but later went 86 yds for a TD w/ 1:07 left. PU did drive to the Iowa 25 but a pass was int'd w/:14 left.

ILLINOIS 38 Purdue 31 (OT) - IL ret'd the opening KO for a TD and led 24-0 when PU got an int ret for a TD and a FG on the 2Q's final play,24-10. PU got down to IL's 22 but a sk & pen pushed them back. PU drove 76 & 55 yds for TD's to tie. PU fmbl'd a punt on the 43. IL missed a FG and PU drove 80 yds for a TD w/5:27 left. IL went 80 yds in 19 plays converting on 4th down twice and getting a TD w/:03 left to tie. PU got a Hail Mary pass in the EZ but it was ruled down at the 1. In OT IL got a TD and PU was SOD.

Michigan 23 PURDUE 21 - PU missed an early 42 yd FG. UM went 75 yds for a TD and PU 76 yds for a TD, 7-7. With 1:02 left in the half, PU missed a 40 yd FG and UM drove 59 yds and nailed a 33 yd FG to lead 10-7. UM ran a fake FG early 3Q and came up short but got a 31 yd TD pass to lead 17-7. PU drove 66 yds for a TD w/1:33 left 3Q, 17-14. UM was SOD at the PU 34 but got a 34 yd TD run on a reverse on the next poss, 23-14. UM drove but had a 37 yd FG blk'd w/7:23 left. PU was int'd at the UM 1 and 15 on their next 2 poss. PU went 44 yds in 10 plays for a TD w/:08 left but UM rec'd the onside kick.

Purdue 42 N'WESTERN 13 - PU took their first 3 poss 74, 38 and 70 yds for TD's, 21-0. PU fmbl'd at its own 44 setting up a NW TD, 21-7. PU drove 93 yds but was SOD at the 1 w/ 1:46 left 1H. PU's 2nd poss of the 3Q went 69 yds for a TD and they added a 42 & 58 yd TD drives in the 4Q. NW drove for a garbage TD w/ 3:11 left and PU's 407 yds rushing were the most since 1994 and they finished w/a 551-268 yd edge.

Ohio St 10 PURDUE 6 - Late in the 1Q PU got a tipped pass for an int at the OSU 23 and nailed a 21 yd FG, 3-0. OSU got an int w/ 3:21 left in the half and got a 22 yd FG w/ no time left to tie it. The D's controlled the 2H until PU drove 62 yds for a 32 yd FG w/7:50 left, 6-3. On 3rd & 14 OSU got a 13 yd pass setting up a 4th & 1. Krenzel audibled for a pass and w/plenty of pressure around, stepped in the pocket and threw a 37 yd TD pass w/1:36 left.

Purdue 45 MICHIGAN ST 42 - In the 1H PU had a 343-59 yd edge and 51 plays to MSU's 23 but needed a late surge to lead 24-17. It was 42-37 with 7:43 left and on 4th & 8 PU QB Kirsch had the wind knocked out of him. Orton came in and lobbed a 40 yd TD pass w/3:18 left, 45-42. MSU got 1 FD but on 4th & 5 from the 50 w/1:20 left came up 1 yd short and PU ran out the clock.

PURDUE 34 Indiana 10 - PU got an 81 yd drive for a TD, 7-0 1Q. Indy got a 50 yd FG but PU drove 85 yds for a TD and then 31 yds for FG on the final play of the half, 17-3. PU got a 29 yd drive for a TD and a 23 yd FG. Indy got an 85 yd KR to set up an 8 yd TD drive. PU answered with a 71 yd drive for a TD with 5:35 left.

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

2005 BIG 10 RECRUITMENT RANKING: 5
2005 NATIONAL RANK: 20

2005 NEWCOMERS

Derek Benson PS#371WR 6-1 200 The Hun School /Princeton, NJ. 4.4 speed. 36" vertical jump. 315 bench. 2nd team New Jersey prep school after catching 32 passes for 465 yards and 4 TD's as a Senior. Had 34 receptions for 874 yards (25.7) and 9 TD's as a Junior.

DE Keyon Brown PS#101LB 6-3 225 Thornton Twp HS /Harvey, IL. 4.6 speed. Honorable Mention All-Illinois as a Senior when he had 67 tackles, 15 sacks and 7 passes broken up. Sprinter on track team earlier in career.

Joey Elliot PS#27QB 6-3 200 Harrison HS/ Evansville, IN. 4.63 speed. Two time 1st Team All-Indiana Class 5A after passing for 2,899 yards (57%) with 33 TD's as a Senior. Threw for 2,689 yards (57%) and 28 TD's as a Junior. 80-34 career TD to interception ratio. Set state record with 36 completions in a game in '03. Committed to Purdue in July 2004.

Christian Graham PS#121DB 6-2 182 Warren Central HS/Indy IN. 4.5 speed. Signed with Purdue in 2004 but grayshirted last season. Able to participate in December bowl practices. Honorable Mention All-Indiana at WR as a Senior after catching 10 receptions for 276 yards and 6 TD's while playing in run-oriented offense.

RB Frank Halliburton PS#136DL 6-3 240 Bishop Chatard HS/Indy IN. 4.6 speed. 1st Tm All-Indiana 3A honors as a LB/FB after compiling 144 tackles, 12 tackles for loss and 6 sacks on defense and 597 rush yards and 11 TD's on offense.

Eric Hedstrom PS#60OL 6-7 270 Prospect HS/ Arlington Hts, IL. 5.0 speed. 28" vertical jump. 2nd Team All-Illinois as a Senior after allowing just 1 sack and making 40 plus pancake blocks. Also acted as the team's long snapper.

Alec Huber PS#86TE 6-5 225 Eagle's Landing HS/McDonough, GA. 4.5 speed. 32" vertical jump. Named 1st Team All-Georgia and regional MVP in '04. As a TE caught 35 passes for 575 yards and 9 TD's while on defense led region 5-A with 121 tackles. Finished 2nd in Georgia high jump as a Junior. Early verbal commitment to Northwestern.

Todshon Jones PS#462DB 6-2 165 Winslow Twp HS/Sicklerville, NJ. 4.5 speed. All-Conference as a senior DB/ WR/QB after totalling 107 tackles, 9 interceptions and 7 forced fumbles. Contributed 6 TD receptions and threw 3 TD passes.

Jason Kacinko PS#28OL 6-6 300 Penn-Trafford HS/Harrison City, PA. 5.34 speed, 320 bench, 525 squat. Named to *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Fabulous 22 and *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* Terrific 25 All-Star teams. 2nd Team All-Pennsylvania honoree who did not allow a sack in his career and graded out better than 90% as a blocker as a Senior. Rare OL recruit who Tiller feels is physically ready to play right away.

Brandon King PS#98DB 5-11 180 Houston County HS / Warner Robins, GA. 4.49 speed. 31" vertical jump. 1st Team All-Georgia QB who accounted for 900 yards and 8 TD's through the air and 1,002 yards and 10 TD's on he ground as a Senior. Also had 18 tackles and 2 interceptions in limited playing time on defense.

Selwyn Lymon PS#11WR 6-4 190 Harding HS/ Fort Wayne, IN. 4.4 speed. 1st Team All-Indiana Class 2A as a QB as a Senior. Threw for 1,022 yards and 11 TD's while rushing for 1,000 yards and 4 TD's in '04. Had 47 receptions for 1,134 yards and 13 TD's at WR as a Junior. Tiller praised on signing day calling "the key to the class" and "one of the most gifted WR's we've had."

Alex Magee PS#72DL 6-5 270 Oswego HS/ Oswego, IL. 4.8 speed. Two time All-Illinois prospect who made 60 tackles, 11 tackles for loss and 8 sacks as a Senior. Also played FB in short yardage offense.

Dray Mason PS#37RB 5-10 175 Bishop Chatard HS/ Indy, IN. 4.4 speed. 37" VL. Two time 1st Team All- Indiana honoree. Ran for 1,235 yards (11.9) with 19 TD's despite missing 5 games due to injury as a Senior. Incredible junior season in which he rushed for 2,551 yards (12.6) with 49 combined TD's including 10 kick return TD's.

Michael Neal PS#84DL 6-4 240 Merrillville HS/Merrillville, IN. 4.6 speed. 345 bench. 500 squat. 1st Team All-Indiana honors after recording 95 tackles, 24 tackles for loss, 13 sacks, 18 quarterback hurries and 6 passes broken up as a Senior. Dad, Michael Neal Sr, played for the NY Giants.

Greg Orton PS#32WR 6-4 190 Wayne HS/ Dayton, OH. 4.49 speed. 29" vertical jump. 1st Team All-Ohio honoree who caught 65 passes for 1,058 yards and 9 TD's as a Senior. Along with fellow WR recruit Lymon called "1 of the most talented WR's we've had" by Tiller on signing day.

JB Paxson PS#10DL 6-4 265 Center Grove HS/Greenwood, IN. 4.81 speed. 30" vertical jump, 315 bench, 460 squat. Played in US Army All-American game. Two time All- Indiana selection who had 88 tackles, 17 tackles for loss and 11 sacks as a Senior. Piled up 110 tackles, 22 sacks and 13 passes broken up as a Junior.

David Ramirez PS#56QB 6-2 202 Grace Prep Acad/Red Oak, TX. 4.5 speed. Signed with Purdue in 2004 but grayshirted last season. Able to participate in December bowl practices. Two time 1st Team All-Texas selection on back-to-back state champion who threw for 1,966 yards with a 26-2 ratio as a Senior.

OL Zach Reckman PS#396DL 6-6 245 Indiana Creek HS/Cincy, OH. 4.9 speed, 285 bench. All-District performer who made 91 tackles and 9 sacks as a Senior. Also standout heavyweight wrestler.

Jason Werner PS#38DB 6-4 200 Roncalli HS/ Greenwood, IN. 4.5 speed. Voted Indiana Mr. Football and two time 1st Team All-State 4-A. Corralled a state leading 14 interceptions including 8 post season picks to go along with 81 tackles as a Senior.

Kyle Williams PS#5LB 6-2 210 Bolingbrook HS/Bolingbrook, IL. 4.57 speed, 350 bench. Originally enrolled and practiced at Iowa in August of 2004 but sat out last season due to NCAA eligibility requirements. Enrolled at Purdue in December '04 in time for bowl practices and received NCAA green light to play in the 2005 season. Parade All-American and 2 time All-Illinois player who had 89 tackles and 2 interceptions as a Senior. Nickname is "Bonecrusher".

Jared Zwilling PS#40DL 6-4 255 Central HS/ Evansville, IN. 4.86 speed. 355 bench, 450 squat, 26" vertical jump. 1st Team All-Indiana selection who totalled 90 tackles and 5 sacks in '04. Committed to Purdue in July of 2004.

NFL DRAFT

2005

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
4	106	Kyle Orton	QB	Chicago

2004

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	66	Nick Hardwick	C	San Diego
3	67	Stuart Schweigert	FS	Oakland
3	69	Gilbert Gardner	LB	Indianapolis
3	96	Landon Johnson	LB	Cincinnati
4	98	Shaun Phillips	DE	San Diego
4	116	Niko Koutouvides	LB	Seattle
6	172	Kelly Butler	OT	Detroit
6	189	Craig Terrill	DT	Seattle
7	223	Jacques Reeves	CB	Dallas

2003

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
6	191	Joe Odom	LB	Chicago

2002

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	89	Akin Ayodele	LB	Jacksonville
4	109	Travis Dorsch	K	Cincinnati

2001

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	32	Drew Brees	QB	San Diego
2	48	Matt Light	OT	New England
5	136	Vinny Sutherland	WR	Atlanta
5	146	Chukky Okobi	C	Pittsburgh
7	201	Brandon Gorin	OT	San Diego

2000

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
6	195	Michael Hawthorne	CB	New Orleans
6	201	David Nugent	DT	New England

1999

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	89	Chike Okeafor	DE	San Francisco
4	111	Rosevelt Colvin	DE	Chicago

1998

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	70	Brian Alford	WR	NY Giants
5	140	Mark Fischer	C	Washington
7	218	Edwin Watson	RB	Green Bay

1997

None

1996

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	35	Mike Alstott	FB	Tampa Bay

LAST 4 BOWL GAMES PAST HISTORIES

2004 SUN BOWL ARIZONA ST 27 PURDUE 23

This one fits the Injury System as ASU was w/o QB Andrew Walter giving Sam Keller his first ever start. In the week prior to the game, ASU's depleted RB corps took a hit when Hakim Hill got susp'd so their top RB would be converted RB Rudy Burgess. The crowd was a sellout (64,565) and PU was well represented. The game was dominated by ASU and they led just 3-2 at the half. ASU missed a 50 yd FG, settled for a 22 yd FG after a 10 play drive and PU had just 13 yds in the 1Q. ASU missed 52 yd FG's on consecutive poss on drives of 8 and 10 plays. PU's only TD came after they pinned ASU at the 1 with 4:58 left in the half and got a safety on the first play. ASU had a 255-69 yd edge at the half and 14-4 FD edge. The Boilers got a big play when they got an 80 yd TD pass on the first play of the 3Q for a stunning 9-3 lead but ASU answered with an 80 yd, 11 play TD drive. PU's next drive went 50 yds in 11 plays for a TD, 16-10 with 14:16 left. They got the ball back with 12:12 left but fmbl'd on the first play and ASU got a 34 yd FG. PU was leading 16-13 but ASU, on 3rd & 10, got a screen pass to Burgess which he took up the sideline for a 41 yd TD, 20-16. ASU, on 4th & 23, punted and PU blk'd it and rec'd at the ASU 36 with 1:55 left. They got a 6 yd TD pass with 1:14 left but ASU, on 2nd & 7, got a 32 yd pass followed by 26 and 19 yd passes for a TD with :43 left, 27-23.

2003 CAPITAL ONE BOWL GEORGIA 34 PURDUE 27 (OT)

UGA QB Greene connected with Fred Gibson for 2 short TD passes in the 1Q to lead 14-0. UGA drove for a 28 yd FG and got an 11 yd TD pass to Reggie Brown with 4:47 left in the 1H to go up 24-0. Purdue came back with a 17 yd TD run by Kyle Orton, 24-7. PU added a 27 yd FG with 1:48 left to make it 24-10 at the half. The 3Q was scoreless. Orton scored again on a 2 yd TD run with 9:11 left in the 4Q, 24-17. UGA responded with a 40 yd FG, 27-17. With 2:00 left, PU drove 66 yds in 3 plays and scored on a 3 yd TD pass. UGA recovered the onside kick and was attempting to run out the clock but RB Lumpkin fumbled and Purdue recovered at the UGA 34 yd line. PU hit a 44 yd FG with 0:49 left to tie it up and send it to OT. Lumpkin redeemed himself in OT as he bullied his way into the end zone on 4th down at the 1 yd line. PU drove inside the UGA 10 yd line but, on 4th down and goal from the 4 yd line, Orton was intercepted in the end zone and UGA pulled out the win. UGA had a 23-15 FD edge and a 440-289 yd edge.

2002 SUN BOWL PURDUE 34 WASHINGTON 24

The Boilermakers overcame a 17-0 deficit in the 1Q (where they were held without a first down and -8 yards total offense) by scoring 34 points to beat Washington 34-24 in a rematch of the 2000 Rose Bowl. After Joey Harris put Purdue ahead 24-17 thanks to a 10 yard run, Gilbert Gardner put the game away when he forced a fumble and returned it 19 yards for a TD. Kyle Orton completed 25 of 37 passes for 283 yards with a 2-0 ratio en route to being named the game's Most Valuable Player.

2001 SUN BOWL WASHINGTON ST 33 PURDUE 27

Boilers HC Tiller, who was a long time assistant at WSU under HC Price, faced his mentor for the first time. An int by frosh QB Orton was returned 45 yds by DB David for a TD to make it 7-0 WSU. PU CB Rogers int'd a Gesser pass but fmbl'd it back to the Cougars on the return setting WSU up at their own 29. Gesser then hit Bush with a 46 yd TD connection, 14-0. Orton drove the Boilers 36 yds but was again int'd by David at the WSU 13. After a 28 yd return, WSU fmbl'd the ball back to PU on their first play and LB Johnson ret'd it to the WSU 17. RB Lowe scored on a 1 yd run to cut the lead to 14-7. After a punt Orton drove the Boilers 43 yds for a 28 yd FG, 14-10. Gesser responded with a 46 yd FG drive, 17-10. Orton then threw for all 80 yds on a TD march to tie it at 17 including a 65 yd pass to Stubblefield. After a WSU punt, an 18 yd drive set up a 50 yd FG by Dorsch with 0:37 left in the 1H. Gesser was int'd on a long pass at the Purdue 28. On the 2nd play of the 3Q WSU's Thompson int'd Orton at the PU 29 which set up a 34 yd FG to tie it at 20. Later Gesser led WSU 51 yds for a TD for the 27-20 lead. A 12 yd punt return set up a 41 yd FG drive for the Cougars. Gesser hit 2 long passes but was int'd in the Purdue EZ to start the 4Q. PU drove 60 yds before Orton was int'd in the WSU EZ. The Cougars went 60 yds setting up 37 yd FG by Dunning. Orton threw on all 16 plays of a 57 yard drive which was SOD at the WSU 19. After a punt, Orton hit Stubblefield with a 51 yd TD pass with 1:53 left, 33-27. PU was out of time-outs but rec'd the onside kick and Orton drove them to the WSU 22 where they were SOD. WSU ran out the clock to end the game.

PURDUE DRAFT FACTS:

The Boilermakers have avg'd 2.5 players (26) in the last 10 years but over 33% of those players (9) were taken in the 2004 draft. Surprisingly the team has NOT produced a first round pick in the last 10 years and only had three grabbed in second round. This is a school known for QB's and the passing game but have had only two QB's in the last 10 years in productive NFL'er Drew Brees and this year's only selection Kyle Orton (who we think was a steal by Da Bears). Surprisingly with Joe Tiller's basketball on grass offense, only two WR have been selected in the last 10 years but six offensive linemen. In the last 4 years, nine of the thirteen selections were from the defense.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2005

QUARTERBACKS - The Wolves have had a nice run of NFL QB's lately with the most famous being Tom Brady but others like Jim Harbaugh, Brian Griese, Drew Henson and the much maligned John Navarre, who departed last year after throwing for 3,331 yards (59.2%) with a 24-10 ratio in '03 and had 3 of the top 6 passing games in Michigan history. Matt Gutierrez (PS#12) is a more mobile QB who hit 13 of 19 for 153 yards as Navarre's backup in 2003. OC Terry Malone installed some option plays into the offense for him and he was named the starter one week before the 2004 season beating out Clayton Richard (6-4 225 So, PS#8) and true frosh Chad Henne (PS#1). It was not announced until an hour before the opening day KO that Gutierrez was injured and he had season ending shoulder surgery in October without taking a snap at QB (did hold on FG's). Henne was given the starting nod and played decently in the opener hitting 14 of 24 for 142 yards and then 25 of 40 for 240 vs ND. He struggled against SDSt hitting just 11 of 24 with 3 int's and Richard was brought in during the 2Q with a possible QB controversy brewing. Richard hit 3 of 4 passes but the team fumbled and punted on his two possessions and the job remained Henne's. Henne threw for 236, 316 and 328 yards the next 3 weeks. He set 3 UM true frosh records vs Minnesota hitting 33 of 49 for 328 yards and also became the first true frosh QB to start a Rose Bowl where he tied the Rose Bowl record with 4 TD passes. The only loss to the unit is Spencer Brinton, who did not play, but was like an extra coach. Adding depth this year is Jeff Kastl (6-3 223 Jr, PS#141), Matt Wilde (6-2 195 Jr) and true frosh Jason Forcier. Henne threw for 2,743 yards (60.2%) with a 25-12 ratio and should only improve with experience.

RUNNING BACKS - Michigan has actually averaged over 4.0 ypc rushing just twice in the previous nine years. Chris Perry helped them accomplish that in 2003 rushing for 1,674 yards (5.0) and was a 1st round DC. He was the 4th UM back to top 1,500 yards and was the school's first Doak Walker Award winner. David Underwood (PS#16) had just 483 yards in his first three years and won the starting job going into '04. In the opener Underwood rushed 22 times for only 61 yards and he suffered a concussion after 1 play vs ND. Jerome Jackson (5-11 200 Jr, PS#31) came in to rush for just 32 yards on 15 carries vs the Irish and started vs SDSt but diminutive true frosh Mike Hart (PS#11) emerged to win the job rushing for 121 yards . Hart became the first UM player to top 200 yards rushing in three consecutive outings and simply led the Big 10 in rushing with 1,455 yards and a solid 5.2 ypc all as a true frosh. They took the redshirt off true frosh Max Martin (PS#21) vs Indiana and he rushed for 132 yards (4.1) in '04. This year the only losses are Underwood (2 st, 129 yards), Pierre Rembert (46 yds, transferred), Tim Bracken (15 yds) with the biggest loss being FB Kevin Dudley (8 st, 13 yds) who was an excellent blocker. Hart will have to fend off true frosh Kevin Grady (PS#2) who brings in size (228 lbs) and was impressive in Rose Bowl practices after enrolling early. Not listed are TB Alijah Bradley (5-6 170 Jr) and FB Brian Thompson (6-2 230 Jr, PS#153LB). This unit is more experienced and has added talent.

RECEIVERS - Michigan is known for its NFL caliber WR's and Braylon Edwards departs as the career leader in rec's, receiving yards and TD's breaking records set by Marquise Walker and Anthony Carter. Last year Edwards set the UM single season record for rec's with 97 (13.7) including three crucial TD's vs Mich St and set a Rose Bowl record with 3 receiving TD's. He was the #1DC of CLE. Also departing is converted QB Jermaine Gonzales (1 st, 7 rec) and TE Jim Fisher (PS#15). Jason Avant (PS#10) had 47 rec's in 2003 but was banged up at the end of last year and finished with just 38 (11.8). Steve Breaston had foot surgery in July and was also limited for most of the year with 34 rec's. When healthy at the end of the year, Breaston had 272 all-purpose yards vs NW, then set a Rose Bowl record with 315 all-purpose yards, and figures to be the star receiver this year. I list a talented 2 deep loaded with VHT's and they add a couple more this season including rFr Doug Dutch (PS#14). Not listed is TE Kevin Murphy (6-5 255 Jr, PS#13). They arguably had the best receiving corps in the country last year and this group is not too far away from that level.

OFFENSIVE LINE - UM's O-line paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing in 2003 and while allowing just 15 sacks during the regular season gave up 9 albeit to USC in the bowl. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup. Naturally Carr had a ton of VHT's to choose from to fill out the starting lineup. They struggled early on until AA LG Baas was moved to C. Even with the emergence of true frosh RB Hart, the ypc dropped to 3.8 and the sack total increased to 29. This year the only loss is C David Baas (#2DC SF, 1st Tm AA, B10 OL of Yr, 3 yr st'r). Seven players return with starting experience and Carr adds an excellent crop of rFr including 3 of the top 24 OL's last year and five of the top 45 true frosh OL's this year. Amazingly UM has only topped 4.0 ypc rushing twice in the last 9 years and this line simply has too much talent to not accomplish that this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Wolves' D allowed 3.5 ypc rushing with 29 sacks in 2003. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and a backup who had 3 starts and switched from a 4-3 to a 3-4 defense. After 8 games the Wolves' rush D allowed just 71.6 ypg and a stingy 2.2 ypc. Over the last 4 games vs teams with mobile QB's, they were ripped for 256.8 ypg rushing and 5.6 ypc, so they finished with 3.6 ypc allowed while the D recorded just 21 sacks. This year they may have to replace DE Larry Harrison (7 st, 24 tkl) who has been suspended indefinitely. The only other loss is DT Alex Ofili (1 st, 9 tkl, 2 sk). DT Gabe Watson entices many triple teams and can be dominating when he wants to be. True frosh Terrance Taylor (PS#11) benches 500 lbs and was the Michigan HS state champ in wrestling. This is a much more experienced defensive front and one that is capable of dominating like they did over the first eight games of last season.

LINEBACKERS - The Wolves had to replace one LB starter and one backup last year but had four of the top six back which helped in their move to a 3-4. Pierre Woods (PS#9DL), who had 7 sacks and 7 tfl earning 2nd Tm B10 honors in 2003, only started 4 games last year as he was not 100% all season. This year they must replace OLB Roy Manning (10 st, 39 tkl, 6 tfl), ILB Lawrence Reid (12 st, 70 tkl, 12 tfl, HM B10) and ILB Joe Sarantos (1 st, 12 tkl). Prescott Burgess (PS#1DB) and Shawn Crable (PS#2DL) will battle for the open LB spot but both may be on the field at the same time when they go with the 3-4. In the 3 deep that I list there are no less than seven VHT's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With 2 starters back the Wolves were #13 in my pass D rankings in 2003. Last year they only had to replace one starter and moved Marlin Jackson back to CB after he played '03 at FS. Leon Hall beat out returning starter Markus Curry for one CB spot. Jackson was the team's shutdown CB and did a fine job, but surprisingly UM slipped some to #28 in my pass D rankings. This year they lose Jackson (#1DC IND, 1st Tm AA) who only had 4 pbu because teams threw away from him, SS Ernest Shazor (12 st, 10 tfl, #1 tkl'r, 1st Tm AA) and CB Markus Curry (5 st, 33 tkl, 3 pbu, 3 int). I list the 3 deep and it is loaded with VHT's including Morgan Trent (PS#19WR) who is one of the fastest players on the team and moves in from WR. Not even listed is Willis Barringer (6-0 202 Jr) who had 6 starts in 2003 and 23 tackles. This shapes up as a pretty good unit, but with the loss of their top two DB's, I'll call it down a few notches.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Lloyd Carr's special teams have struggled at times and arguably have cost the team several wins in recent years. They have finished #32, #30, #42 and #94 in my special teams rankings from 2000-'03. Mike DeBord, the former head coach of C Michigan, was hired as the new coordinator last season and the unit had its best outing in the Rose Bowl when Steve Breaston set the NCAA bowl record for KR yards with 221 and set the Rose Bowl record for all-purpose yards (315) previously held by OJ Simpson (276 in 1969). The unit probably would have finished higher than #26 had Breaston been closer to 100% during the season, but he still averaged 12.2 on PR's and 24.6 on KR's. He is back as is K Garrett Rivas who struggled early, but came on down the stretch hitting 19 of 24 FG's with a long of 47. P Adam Finley (43.0 avg) must be replaced after a net of 34.4, but they bring in a solid frosh K in Zoltan Mesko who averaged 43.6 in HS. Troy Nienberg, who had 16 TB's on 70 KO's, also must be replaced. With a healthy Breaston, this group has Top 10 potential.

COACHES - Lloyd Carr delivered Michigan a National Title in 1997 despite facing one of the toughest schedules in the country. He is 14-5 vs Top 10 competition. His OC Terry Malone, who enters his fourth year in that position, was a Broyles finalist in 2003. The DC is Jim Hermann, who took home the Broyles Award in 1997, and is now in his 9th year as DC.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Since 1997 the Wolves have by far the most wins in Big 10 play with 53 and the next closest (OSU) has 44. UM has been to 30 straight bowls, the longest streak in the country including 9 straight January bowls. In 2003 they made it back to the Rose Bowl and finished #6 in the final polls outgaining Big 10 foes by 139.1 ypg. Last year I mentioned that all 7 sets of my power ratings called Michigan the most talented team in the Big 10. UM ended up with a true frosh QB and RB but returned to the Rose Bowl again coming up just a point short vs Texas. The 279 points they allowed last year were the most in the program's history. While they were 7-1 in league play and 9-2 in the regular season, they did have a lot of narrow escapes. San Diego St missed 2 tying FG's and the Wolves won by 3. UM got a 31 yard TD pass with 1:57 left to get past Minnesota by 3. Against Purdue they needed a 35 yard FG with 2:45 left and then a Purdue fumble to hold on for the 2 point win. Mich St led them 27-10 with 8:43 left in the game and they tied it late with MSU missing a 51 yard FG on the last play of regulation and UM won it in 3 OT's. They gave up 37 points to Ohio St in the season finale, the most they've allowed the Bucks since 1968, but when Iowa upended Wisconsin, Michigan won the Big 10. This year they look much stronger and their D should play more like it did in the first eight games of 2004, (over the last 4 games they yielded 37+ points three times). The two toughest games on the schedule figure to be a road trip to Iowa and a home game vs Ohio St, but 2 of my 7 sets of power ratings call Michigan the best team in the Big 10. The Wolves are capable of running the table and must be considered a National Title contender.

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

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LLOYD CARR (Career 95-29)
11th Year at Michigan
Carr's SU Bowl Record: 5-5

2004 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (25,22,1)
Lost: 22 (10,9,3)

2004 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 111,025

	HC	OC	DC
2004	Lloyd Carr	Terry Malone	Jim Herrmann
2003	Lloyd Carr	Terry Malone	Jim Herrmann
2002	Lloyd Carr	Terry Malone	Jim Herrmann
2001	Lloyd Carr	Stan Parrish	Jim Herrmann
2000	Lloyd Carr	Stan Parrish	Jim Herrmann
1999	Lloyd Carr	Mike DeBord	Jim Herrmann
1998	Lloyd Carr	Mike DeBord	Jim Herrmann
1997	Lloyd Carr	Mike DeBord	Jim Herrmann

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2005 Schedule Difficulty-#30

Date	Opponent	TURF	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp
Sep. 3	Northern Illinois	A		
Sep. 10	Notre Dame	A		
Sep. 17	E Michigan	A		
Sep. 24	at Wisconsin	A		
Oct. 1	at Michigan St	G		
Oct. 8	Minnesota (HC)	A		
Oct. 15	Penn St	A		
Oct. 22	at Iowa	G		
Oct. 29	at Northwestern	G		
Nov. 5				
Nov. 12	Indiana	A		
Nov. 19	Ohio St	A		
Nov. 26				

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LAST 7 YEARS BIG 10 RANKINGS

	Big 10 Record	Finished	Total OFF	Total DEF	Avg Score in Big 10 Play
2004	7-1	#1 (T)	424	340	30.8-22.8
2003	7-1	#1	443	303	35.8-18.8
2002	6-2	#3	373	345	28.0-20.3
2001	6-2	#2	340	289	27.0-16.9
2000	6-2	#1 (T)	447	407	34.1-20.5
1999	6-2	#2 (T)	402	361	30.6-21.9
1998	7-1	#1 (T)	344	245	19.9-11.6

TOP 5 CAREER RECORD LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
1. John Navarre 9,254	1. Anthony Thomas 4,472	1. Braylon Edwards 3,541
2. Elivs Grbac 6,460	2. Jamie Morris 4,393	2. Anthony Carter 3,076
3. Todd Collins 5,858	3. Tyrone Wheatley 4,178	3. Amani Toomer 2,657
4. Jim Harbaugh 5,449	4. Butch Woolfolk 3,861	4. David Terrell 2,317
5. Tom Brady 5,351	5. Chris Perry 3,696	5. Tai Streets 2,284

LAST 10 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	OPPONENT	SCORE
95	Alamo	Texas A&M	20-22
96	Outback	Alabama	14-17
97	Rose	Wash St	21-16
98	Citrus	Arkansas	45-31
99	Orange	Alabama	35-34 OT
00	Citrus	Auburn	31-28
01	Citrus	Tennessee	17-45
02	Outback	Florida	38-30
03	Rose	USC	14-28
04	Rose	Texas	37-38

Michigan's All-Time SU Bowl Record 18-18

Last 6 Big 10 Titles
2003 1997
2000 1992
1998 1991

AP/Cch/UPI Nat'l Champs
1997 1933
1948 1932
1947 1923

STADIUM: MICHIGAN STADIUM (107,501)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	10 Yr Total
Record	9-3	8-3	11-0	9-3	9-2	8-3	8-3	9-3	10-2	9-2	90-24
Home	5-1	5-1	7-0	5-1	5-1	6-0	5-1	6-1	7-0	6-0	57-6
Away	4-2	3-2	4-0	4-2	4-1	2-3	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	33-18

MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 10 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	30.8	21	154	3.8	233	59.8	12.5	+6	2004	6	23.3	17	133	3.6	203	55.8	14.5
7*	35.4	24	176	4.3	271	59.7	12.6	+2	2003	6	16.8	15	117	3.5	181	53.9	17.6
7*	27.8	20	148	3.8	233	54.9	13.7	+9	2002	8	20.4	18	123	3.4	225	53.6	17.1
4	26.7	19	143	3.6	216	53.6	13.5	-6	2001	8	19.8	16	89	2.5	229	55.1	16.1
7	33.7	22	215	4.8	231	59.2	13.3	+13	2000	5	19.1	21	147	3.8	243	58.5	20.4
7*	30.1	21	122	3.2	265	60.4	12.9	+10	1999	8	20.6	16	121	3.3	212	51.7	16.2
6	27.6	18	156	3.8	226	59.1	13.8	-3	1998	9	18.1	15	122	3.1	181	49.9	16.8
8*	26.8	21	182	3.9	205	63.3	14.4	+9	1997	6	9.5	12	89	2.7	134	49.5	23.5
5*	23.1	19	168	3.9	214	55.6	16.5	+2	1996	9	15.3	17	115	3.0	182	55.1	19.3
7	26.0	21	202	4.4	194	52.6	15.2	+4	1995	6	17.2	16	94	2.6	192	56.2	16.6

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Michael Hart	282	1487	32	1455	9	5.2
Max Martin	32	135	3	132	1	4.1
David Underwood	29	132	3	129	2	4.4
Jerome Jackson	32	96	6	90	1	2.8
Steve Breaston	10	80	4	76	0	7.6
Braylon Edwards	6	62	1	61	0	10.2
Pierre Rembert	8	46	0	46	0	5.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chad Henne	399	240	60.2	2743	25	12
Clayton Richard	15	8	53.3	52	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Braylon Edwards	97	1330	13.7	15	69	
Jason Avant	38	447	11.8	3	21	
Steve Breaston	34	291	8.6	3	50	
Michael Hart	26	237	9.1	1	39	
Tim Massaquoi	18	184	10.2	0	24	
Tyler Ecker	17	157	9.2	2	31	
Jermaine Gonzales	7	94	13.4	1	40	
Kevin Dudley	5	32	6.4	0	13	
Adrian Arrington	2	12	6.0	0	7	
David Underwood	1	8	8.0	0	8	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Adam Finley	64	2751	43.0	4	34.4	0	13
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Garrett Rivas	37-41	4-5	11-13	4-6	0-0	19-24	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ernest Shazor	84	0	10	1	2
LaMarr Woodley	70	4	12	4	0
Lawrence Reid	70	3	9	3	1
Scott McClintock	58	0	6	4	2
Ryan Mundy	51	0	0	1	2
Leon Hall	48	0	1	8	2
Marlin Jackson	47	1	5	4	1
Roy Manning	39	1	5	3	0
Patrick Massey	37	5	0	1	0
Gabriel Watson	37	2	5	0	0
Markus Curry	33	0	0	3	3
Prescott Burgess	27	0	0	1	1
Larry Harrison	24	0	1	1	0
Pierre Woods	22	0	2	0	0
Grant Mason	20	0	0	1	0
Brandent Englemon	13	0	0	0	0
Joey Sarantos	12	0	2	0	0
Dave Harris	10	0	0	0	0
Alex Ofili	9	2	2	0	0
Jeremy Van Alstyne	7	0	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Steve Breaston	24	292	12.2	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Steve Breaston	28	689	24.6	0	
Grant Mason	6	177	29.5	0	

2004 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Miami, Oh	14	40-115	2.9	16-28	159	3	13	25-33	1.3	19-40	217	2	+6
at Notre Dame	15	30-56	1.9	25-40	240	2	13	40-135	3.4	10-21	178	0	+1
San Diego St	20	48-148	3.1	14-28	179	5	15	23-22	1.0	27-43	289	4	-1
Iowa	18	39-93	2.4	16-26	236	4	16	28-(-15)	-0.5	24-32	270	4	+3
at Indiana	21	39-93	2.4	19-26	331	2	13	38-61	1.6	14-22	153	2	-2
Minnesota	29	45-190	4.2	33-49	328	1	13	39-189	4.8	8-22	156	2	-3
at Illinois	23	61-294	4.8	14-27	114	1	19	30-98	3.3	20-40	156	1	+2
at Purdue	22	43-204	4.7	22-39	190	2	13	33-50	1.5	14-30	213	3	+1
Michigan St	27	44-223	5.1	24-35	273	4	25	57-368	6.5	18-26	167	1	-1
Northwestern	24	39-231	5.9	20-29	190	3	21	34-190	5.6	24-44	215	1	0
at Ohio St	20	22-71	3.2	27-54	328	1	18	47-205	4.4	13-23	241	0	-2
† Texas	17	31-125	4.0	18-34	227	1	25	46-264	5.7	16-28	180	1	+2
TOTALS	250	481-1843	3.8	248-415	2795	29	204	440-1600	3.6	207-371	2435	21	+6
AVERAGES	20.8	40-154	3.8	21-35	233	2.4	17.0	37-133	3.6	17-31	203	1.8	0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Notre Dame	26-22 W
Rice	37-3 W
at Syracuse	18-13 W
at Wisconsin	21-16 W
Purdue	38-12 W
at Michigan St	31-34 L
Illinois	29-35 L
at Indiana	34-31 W
Northwestern	37-3 W
at Penn St	31-27 W
Ohio St	24-17 W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Bowling Green	42-7 W
Rice	38-7 W
at UCLA	20-23 L
at Illinois	35-31 W
Wisconsin	13-10 W
at Purdue	31-32 L
Indiana	58-0 W
Michigan St	14-0 W
at Northwestern	51-54 L
Penn St	33-11 W
at Ohio St	38-26 W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Miami, Oh	31-13 W
at Washington	18-23 L
W Michigan	38-21 W
Illinois	45-20 W
at Penn St	20-0 W
Purdue	24-10 W
at Iowa	32-26 W
at Michigan St	24-26 L
Minnesota	31-10 W
at Wisconsin	20-17 W
Ohio St	20-26 L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Washington	31-29 W
W Michigan	35-12 W
at Notre Dame	23-25 L
Utah	10-7 W
at Illinois	45-28 W
Penn St	OT 27-24 W
at Purdue	23-21 W
Iowa	9-34 L
Michigan St	49-3 W
at Minnesota	41-24 W
Wisconsin	21-14 W
at Ohio St	9-14 L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
C Michigan	45-7 W
Houston	50-3 W
Notre Dame	38-0 W
at Oregon	27-31 L
Indiana	31-17 W
at Iowa	27-30 L
at Minnesota	38-35 W
Illinois	56-14 W
Purdue	31-3 W
at Michigan St	27-20 W
at Northwestern	41-10 W
Ohio St	35-21 W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Miami, Oh	43-10 W
at Notre Dame	20-28 L
San Diego St	24-21 W
Iowa	30-17 W
at Indiana	35-14 W
Minnesota	27-24 W
at Illinois	30-19 W
at Purdue	16-14 W
Michigan St	3OT 45-37 W
Northwestern	42-20 W
at Ohio St	21-37 L

MICHIGAN 2005 DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR
#15 STEVE BREASTON JR.
6-1 179 **PS#43**
Wasn't 100% LY with 4 sts, 34 rec (8.6), 24 PR (12.2), 28 KR (24.6). Big 10 FR of Yr, 38 rec (11.7), 45 PR (13.8), 9 KR (21.2) in '03. HS QB who played 1 down at WR.
#16 ADRIAN ARRINGTON SO.
6-3 184 **PS#10**
8 gms, 2 rec (6.0) as true. 4.46 speed.

RB
#20 MIKE HART SO.
5-9 192 **PS#11**
1st TM Big 10 and league's FR of yr. 8 sts, 1455 rush yds, 26 rec (9.1) as true. 1st TM FR AA. 4.4 speed. NY POY as HS Sr.
#3 KEVIN GRADY FR.
5-9 228 **PS#2**
Here for Rose Bowl practices. 4.5 speed. May be used as goal line RB and powerful compliment to Hart.

FB
#40 OBI OLUIGBO JR.
6-0 237 **PS#126LB**
4.67 speed, 400 bench. 12 gms LY on sp tms, 5 at FB. 2 gms, moved from LB to FB as rFr.

K
#38 GARRETT RIVAS JR.
5-9 216 **PS#39**
HM Big 10, 19-24 FG's, long 47, 4-6 from 40+, 37 of 41 XP's LY. 9-12 FG's, long of 47.

QB
#7 CHAD HENNE SO.
6-2 225 **PS#1**
1st UM frosh starter at QB since Leach in '75. 12 sts as true, 2743 yds (60%) 25-12 ratio, 61 rush yds. Tied UM season TD pass record w/ Grbac.
#12 MATT GUTIERREZ JR.
6-4 232 **PS#12**
Won 2004 starting job until shoulder inj. Returned in spring after shoulder surgery. 157 yds, 12 gms in '03 as #2 QB. Never lost as the starter in HS.

TE
#88 TIM MASSAQUOI SR.
6-4 248 **PS#8WR**
1st TM Big 10, 11 sts, 18 rec (10.2) LY. 7 sts, 17 rec (12.9) first 2 years.
#89 TYLER ECKER JR.
6-6 247 **PS#10**
2 sts, 17 rec (9.2) LY. 13 gms, 7 rec (14.0) in '03. DNP '01-02 due to Mission.

WR
#8 JASON AVANT SR.
6-1 210 **PS#10**
Tough possession receiver. **2nd TM Big 10**, 10 sts, 38 rec (11.8) despite inj LY. 2nd TM Big 10, 10 sts, 47 rec (16.4) in '03.
#17 CARL TABB JR.
6-2 192 **PS#12**
12 gms on sp tms LY. 13 gms, 10 rec (10.3), fastest WR in '03. MI 100M champ & 42" VL.
#81 DOUG DUTCH rFR.
5-10 195 **PS#14**
Lost weight, improved speed in spring. 4.4 speed.

RT
#77 JAKE LONG SO.
6-7 338 **PS#53**
No spring due to offseason shoulder surgery. **2nd TM Big 10**, last 10 sts as rFr.
#70 JEREMY CIULLA rFR.
6-4 305 **PS#19**
Tried at C in spring. 5.0 speed. Impressive in Rose Bowl practices.

RG
#67 MATT LENTZ SR.
6-6 305 **PS#45**
1st TM Big 10, 12 sts at RG LY. 13 sts at RG in '03. 405 bench.
#57 ADAM KRAUS SO.
6-6 311 **PS#65DL**
No spring due to shoulder surgery. Can play either OG position.

C
#72 RUEBEN RILEY JR.
6-3 304 **PS#47**
Moved to C in spring. 7 sts at LG, 9 gms in '04. 4 gms, 2nd string RT as rFr.
#54 MARK BIHL JR.
6-4 297 **PS#58**
1st 3 sts at C before losing job LY, 11 gms mostly sp tms. 2nd string in '03.

LG
#65 LEO HENIGE SR.
6-4 339 **PS#32**
2 sts ar LG, 5 gms until knee inj LY. Lettered in 8 gms as 2nd string in '03.
#73 ALEX MITCHELL rFR.
6-5 319 **PS#24**
-21 lbs after arriving overweight last August. Impressive in Rose Bowl practices. C/OT/OG.

LT
#79 ADAM STENAVICH SR.
6-5 317 **PS#15**
Lombardi Award watch list. **1st TM Big 10**, 11 sts at LT LY. 15 sts in '02-03.
#76 MIKE KOLODZIEJ JR.
6-7 328 **PS#14DL**
3 sts (2 at RT, 1 at LT), 12 gms LY. 2nd string, 9 gms as rFr.

DEFENSE

DE
#99 PIERRE WOODS SR.
6-5 247 **PS#9**
DE/OLB. Wasn't 100% due to inj LY, 4 sts at OLB, 22 tkls, 2 tfl. 2nd TM Big 10, 13 sts, 68 tkls 14 tfl in '03.
#50 JEREMY VAN ALSTYNE JR.
6-4 262 **PS#17LB**
No spring due to foot inj. Torn ACL in spring '04, 1st, 6 gms, 7 tkls. 6 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr.
#91 RONDELL BIGGS JR.
6-2 278 **PS#128**
11 gms, 1 st at DE, 6 tkls LY. 8 gms, 3 tkls as rFr.

DT
#78 GABE WATSON SR.
6-4 331 **PS#5**
Carr critical of conditioning in spring. **1st TM Big 10**, 11 sts, 7 tfl despite being double teamed LY. 15 tkls in 20 gms 1st 2 years.
#80 ALAN BRANCH SO.
6-6 323 **PS#24**
12 gms as true, 5 tkls, 2 sks. 355 bench.
#NA TERRANCE TAYLOR FR.
6-2 295 **PS#11**
4.95 speed, 500 bench, MI wrestling & weightlifting champ.

DT
#94 PAT MASSEY SR.
6-8 284 **PS#7**
Moved to DT in spring, **HM Big 10**, 12 sts at DE, 37 tkls, 5 sks, 2 blk'd FG LY. 9 sts, 23 tkls, 8 tfl in '03.
#92 WILLIAM PAUL SO.
6-3 264 **PS#21**
DE/DT. 1 tkl, 6 gms on sp tms as true. 4.59 speed.
#97 WILL JOHNSON rFR.
6-4 287 **PS#29**
Impressive spring. Pass rusher. 410 bench. MI's top HS prospect until torn ACL as a Sr.

DE
#56 LAMARR WOODLEY JR.
6-2 268 **PS#2LB**
Will play DE & OLB. Rose Bowl Def MVP, **2nd TM Big 10**, 10 sts at OLB, 70 tkls, 16 tfl, 4 pbu LY. 2 sts, 23 tkls, 4 tfl as true.
#NA EUGENE GERMANY FR.
6-3 255 **PS#15LB**
Originally signed with USC but sat out LY to qualify. 4.65 speed.
#90 TIM JAMISON rFR.
6-3 250 **PS#28DL**
DE/OLB. 4 tkls, 3 gms but RS'd LY. IL Def POY, 20 sks as HS Sr.

CB
#13 GRANT MASON SR.
6-0 196 **PS#58**
12 gms, 1 st, 20 tkls, 1 int LY. Transferred from Stanford in '03. 10 gms at WR, 23 rec (6.7) as rFr.
#4 DARNELL HOOD JR.
5-11 190 **PS#33RB**
4.41 speed. 12 gms, 7 tkls LY. 11 gms, 8 tkls as rFr.
#14 MORGAN TRENT rFR.
6-0 185 **PS#19WR**
Moved from WR to CB in spring. 1 of tm's fastest.

OLB
#37 CHRIS GRAHAM SO.
5-11 225 **PS#30**
Impressive spring. 12 gms, 6 tkls mostly sp tms as true. 4.5 speed, 360 bench.
#28 JACOB STEWART JR.
6-0 225 **PS#84DB**
Moved from S to LB in spring. 2 gms, 2 5tkls, medical RS LY. 2 sts, 22 tkls, 1 int ret'd for TD vs Minn in '03. 13 gms, 3 tkls as true.

MLB
#36 SCOTT MCCLINTOCK SR.
6-2 246 **PS#9**
10 sts, 58 tkls, 6 tfl, 4 pbu, 2 int LY. 1 st, 37 tkls, 3 tfl in '03. 2 sts, 39 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr.
#45 DAVE HARRIS JR.
6-2 246 **PS#53**
7 gms, 1 st, 10 tkls LY, 1st 2 gms until knee surgery as rFr.

OLB
#6 PRESCOTT BURGESS JR.
6-3 236 **PS#1**
11 gms, 27 tkls, 1 int LY. 11 gms, 15 tkls as true. 4.59 speed.
#2 SHAWN CRABLE SO.
6-5 247 **PS#2DL**
OLB/DE. 9 gms, 7 tkls, 1 sk, 2 pbu as rFr. 4.74 speed.

CB
#29 LEON HALL JR.
5-11 191 **PS#23**
HM Big 10, 9 sts, 48 tkls, 9 pbu, 2 int, 6 PR (17.3) LY. 13 gms, 2 sts, 26 tkls, 6 pbu as true.
#5 CHARLES STEWART rFR.
6-1 194 **PS#26**
Size and speed to handle larger receivers.

FS
#21 RYAN MUNDY JR.
6-1 204 **PS#5**
12 sts, 51 tkls, 2 int LY. 10 tkls, 10 gms as true. 4.37 speed. 37" VL.
#19 WILLIS BARRINGER JR.
6-0 202 **PS#141**
4.45 speed. 11 gms, 5 tkls after being out of shape in spring LY. 6 sts, 23 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr.

P
#NA ZOLTAN MESKO FR.
6-4 225 **PS#2**
Has a chance to win starting job right away. Army AA Bowl, 43.6 avg L/71, 15 inside opponents 15 as HS Sr.
#2 MARK SPENCER JR.
6-0 223 **PS#70**
Walk-on. 1 punt of 45 yds in '03.

SS
#31 BRANDENT ENGLEMON SO.
5-11 199 **PS#196**
Worked with 1st string in spring. 13 tkls, 12 gms LY. HS QB.
#22 JAMAR ADAMS SO.
6-2 207 **PS#40**
4.38 speed. 9 gms, 6 tkls as backup S as true. 2 int's of Florida's Chris Leak as HS Jr.

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Offensive Coor/TE: Terry Malone, 9th year
Malone enters his fourth season as OC after being the OL coach for the first 5 years of his tenure. Previously Malone was the OL coach at Boston College in '96 and was the OL/TE coach at Bowling Green for 10 seasons.

Quarterbacks: Scot Loeffler, 4th year
This former Michigan QB has coached both a 5th year senior John Navarre and true frosh Chad Henne to successful seasons. Loeffler served as the QB coach at C Michigan in '00-01 under current special teams coach Mike DeBord.

Running Backs: Fred Jackson, 14th year
As the senior member of Carr's offensive staff, Jackson has coached 3 1st round DC's including Doak Walker award winner Chris Perry. Jackson had been the OC in 2 previous Big 10 coaching stops: Purdue ('89-90) and Wisconsin ('82-86).

Wide Receivers: Erik Campbell, 11th year
An Ex-UM DB who lettered from '84-87 Campbell has tutored 6 NFL draft choices including Biletnikoff winner Braylon Edwards. Campbell also spent 1 season at Syracuse as WR coach in '94 and was a RB coach at Ball St and Navy.

Offensive Line: Andy Moeller, 6th year
Moeller is the son of former HC Gary Moeller and another former Wolverine letterman. He coached the TE's the first 2 seasons before moving on to coach the OL. Previously he coached the OL at Missouri ('97-99) and at Army ('88-93).

Sp teams/Recruiting Coor: Mike DeBord, 2nd yr
DeBord returned to Michigan LY after serving as Central Michigan's HC from '00-03. DeBord previously had been on the Wolverine staff for 8 years including as the OC/OL coach from '97-99.

DEFENSE

Defensive Coor/LB: Jim Herrmann, 17th year
The Broyles award winner in '97 as the nation's top assistant in Michigan's national championship year enters his 9th season as the Wolves DC. Prior to that he served as the LB's coach/sp teams coordinator ('95-96) and ILB coach ('90-94).

Defensive Line: Steve Stripling, 1st year
After spending the past 2 seasons as the DL coach for cross state rival Michigan St, Stripling was hired here in February '05. Stripling also served under MSU HC John L Smith at Louisville ('01-02) and Glen Mason at Minnesota ('97-00).

Defensive Backs: Ron English, 3rd year
Pac 10 transplant (Arizona St DB '98-02) whose secondary has featured 4 1st or 2nd team all conference players the L/2Y. English also was the DB coach at San Diego St ('96-97).

Strength: Mike Gittleson, 27th year

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GAME BY GAME TEAM STATS

VERSUS	MIA	ND	SD ST	IOWA	INDIANA	MINN	ILL	PUR	MICH ST	N'WSTN	OHIO ST	BOWL	TOTALS
SCORE	43	20	24	30	35	27	30	16	45	42	21	37	370
FD's	14	15	20	18	21	29	23	22	27	24	20	17	250
TOTAL YARDS	274	296	327	329	424	518	408	394	496	421	399	352	4638
RUSH YARDS	40-115	30-56	48-148	39-93	39-93	45-190	61-294	43-204	44-223	39-231	22-71	31-125	481-1843
PASS YARDS	159	240	179	236	331	328	114	190	273	190	328	227	2795
COM-ATT	16-28	25-40	14-28	16-26-0	19-26	33-49	14-27	22-39	24-35	20-29	27-54	18-34	248-415
INT	1	1	3	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	12
SACKS VS/Yds	3-13	2-18	5-22	4-18	2-25	1-2	1-8	2-15	4-37	3-14	1-11	1-10	29-193
FUMBLES/Lost	2-0	2-2	1-1	2-2	3-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	16-9
OPPONENTS STATS													
SCORE	10	28	21	17	14	24	19	14	37	20	37	38	279
FD's	13	13	15	16	13	13	19	13	25	21	18	25	204
TOTAL YARDS	250	313	311	255	214	345	254	263	535	405	446	444	4035
RUSH YARDS	25-33	40-135	23-22	28-(-15)	38-61	39-189	30-98	33-50	57-368	34-190	47-205	46-264	440-1600
PASS YARDS	217	178	289	270	153	156	156	213	167	215	241	180	2435
COM-ATT	19-40	10-21	27-43	24-32	14-22	8-22-0	20-40	14-30	18-26	24-44	13-23	16-28	207-371
INT	5	3	1	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	16
SACKS BY/Yds	2-8	0-0	4-27	4-30	2-20	2-11	1-7	3-26	1-4	1-8	0-0	1-5	21-146
FUMBLES/Lost	2-2	2-1	4-2	5-3	2-0	0-0	2-1	2-1	2-0	2-0	2-0	1-1	26-11

INDIVIDUAL GAME PERFORMANCES

RUSHING	MIA	ND	SD ST	IOWA	INDIANA	MINN	ILL	PUR	MICH ST	N'WSTN	OHIO ST	BOWL
Michael Hart	3-20-0	5-17-0	25-121-0	26-99-1	20-79-1	35-160-1	40-234-1	33-206-0	33-224-1	23-151-3	18-61-1	21-91-0
Max Martin	–	–	–	–	7-21-0	–	12-67-1	3-10-0	2-4-0	5-12-0	–	3-18-0
David Underwood	22-61-2	1-0-0	–	–	3-17-0	0-0-0	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jerome Jackson	7-25-1	15-32-0	8-28-0	2-5-0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Steve Breaston	–	1-(-4)-0	–	1-2-0	–	–	1-9-0	–	–	2-32-0	2-22-0	3-15-0
PASSING												
Chad Henne	14-24-1	25-40-1	11-24-3	16-26-0	17-21-0	33-49-2	14-27-2	22-39-1	24-35-0	19-26-0	27-54-2	18-34-0
(Com-Att-Ints-Yds-TD)	142-2	240-1	162-2	236-1	316-3	328-2	114-1	190-1	273-4	187-2	328-2	227-4
Clayton Richard	2-4-0	–	3-4-0	–	2-5-0	–	–	–	–	1-2-0	–	–
	17-0		17-0		15-0					3-0		
RECEIVING												
Braylon Edwards	6-91-2	12-129-0	8-130-2	6-150-1	8-165-2	10-98-1	3-18-0	5-25-0	11-189-3	7-54-0	11-172-1	10-109-3
Jason Avant	1-11-0	3-30-0	1-16-0	3-42-0	2-27-0	6-87-0	3-48-0	5-45-0	5-47-1	5-54-1	4-40-1	–
Steve Breaston	4-33-0	5-42-1	3-19-0	3-18-0	–	3-16-0	2-7-0	–	2-13-0	5-49-1	4-17-0	3-77-1
Michael Hart	1-(-1)-0	1-8-0	–	2-14-0	2-36-0	6-53-0	3-23-0	3-22-1	5-19-0	1-20-0	1-39-0	1-4-0
Tim Massaquoi	2-19-0	1-11-0	–	–	1-21-0	4-31-0	1-4-0	5-60-0	–	1-10-0	1-9-0	2-19-0

Michigan's 2005 Roster

#	Name	Yr	POS	HT	WT	Hometown
22	Jamar Adams	SO	S	6-2	207	Charlotte, NC
43	Roger Allison	rFR	FB	6-1	233	Lake Orion, MI
16	Adrian Arrington	SO	WR	6-3	184	Cedar Rapids, IA
8	Jason Avant	SR	WR	6-1	210	Chicago, IL
19	Willis Barringer	JR	S	6-0	202	Toledo, OH
91	Rondell Biggs	JR	DE	6-2	278	Southfield, MI
54	Mark Bihl	JR	OL	6-4	297	Wash Court House, OH
17	James Bloomsburgh	SR	PK	5-10	194	Berkeley, CA
61	Turner Booth	JR	OL/LS	6-2	255	Baltimore, MD
26	Alijah Bradley	JR	RB	5-6	170	Hercules, CA
80	Alan Branch	SO	DT	6-6	323	Rio Rancho, NM
15	Steve Breaston	JR	WR	6-1	179	N Braddock, PA
6	Prescott Burgess	JR	ILB	6-3	236	Warren, OH
9	Anton Campbell	SO	S	5-11	191	O'Fallon, MO
26	Mike Carl	JR	S	6-0	204	Troy, MI
15	Chip Cartwright	JR	ILB	6-1	232	Hartford, MI
33	Keston Cheathem	rFR	S	6-1	181	Miraloma, CA
45	Brad Cischke	SO	WR	6-4	201	Troy, MI
70	Jeremy Ciulla	rFR	OL	6-4	305	Kennesaw, GA
2	Shawn Crable	SO	OLB	6-5	247	Massillon, OH
64	Grant DeBenedictis	rFR	OL	6-5	308	Boca Raton, FL
81	Doug Dutch	rFR	WR	5-10	195	Bowie, MD
89	Tyler Ecker	JR	TE	6-6	247	El Dorado Hills, CA
27	Shakir Edwards	rFR	DB	6-0	207	Detroit, MI
44	Jason Eldridge	JR	RB	5-8	180	Oxford, MI
31	Brandent Englemon	SO	S	5-11	199	Covington, KY
74	Brett Gallimore	rFR	OL	6-4	302	Parkville, MO
34	Jason Gingell	rFR	PK	5-9	183	Northville, MI
3	Kevin Grady	Fr	RB	5-11	228	Ada, MI
37	Chris Graham	SO	ILB	5-11	225	Indianapolis, IN
12	Matt Gutierrez	JR	QB	6-4	232	Concord, CA
29	Leon Hall	JR	CB	5-11	191	Vista, CA
33	Scott Hamel	JR	RB	5-10	207	Rye, NY
45	David Harris	JR	ILB	6-2	246	Grand Rapids, MI
20	Mike Hart	SO	RB	5-9	192	Syracuse, NY
65	Leo Henige Jr	SR	OL	6-4	339	Chesaning, MI
7	Chad Henne	SO	QB	6-2	225	Wyomissing, PA
4	Darnell Hood	JR	CB	5-11	190	Detroit, MI
53	David Hull	SO	DT	6-1	261	Plymouth, MI
24	Jerome Jackson	JR	RB	5-11	200	Saginaw, MI
90	Tim Jamison	rFR	OLB	6-3	250	Riverdale, IL
97	Will Johnson	rFR	DT	6-4	287	Oakland, MI
14	Tyrone Jordan II	JR	WR	5-10	186	Flushing, MI
13	Jeff Kastl	JR	QB	6-3	223	Clinton Twp, MI
76	Mike Kolodziej	JR	OL	6-7	328	Joliet, IL
57	Adam Kraus	SO	OL	6-6	311	New Orleans, LA
67	Matt Lentz	SR	OL	6-6	305	Ortonville, MI
37	James Logan	rFR	DB	5-10	179	Detroit, MI
77	Jake Long	SO	OL	6-7	338	Lapeer, MI
83	KC Lopata	rFR	PK	6-2	190	Farmington , MI
60	Patrick Lyall	rFR	OL	6-0	289	Adrian, MI
23	Max Martin	SO	RB	6-1	215	Madison, AL
13	Grant Mason	SR	CB	6-0	196	Pontiac, MI
88	Tim Massaquoi	SR	TE	6-4	248	Allentown, PA
83	Mike Massey	rFR	TE	6-3	232	Brecksville, OH
94	Pat Massey	SR	DT	6-8	284	Brecksville, OH
80	Chris Matsos	SR	WR	6-0	219	New Boston, MI
36	Scott McClintock	SR	ILB	6-2	246	Belle Vernon, PA
73	Alex Mitchell	rFR	OL	6-5	319	Reese, MI
31	Craig Moore	SR	PK	5-10	181	San Diego, CA
28	Dan Moore	SO	ILB	6-0	226	Canton, MI
21	Ryan Mundy	JR	S	6-1	204	Wilkins Twp, PA
84	Kevin Murphy	JR	TE	6-5	255	Grand Rapids, MI
40	Obi Oluigbo	JR	FB	6-0	237	Laurel, MD
38	BJ Opong-Owusu	JR	S	5-11	196	W Bloomfield, MI
92	William Paul	SO	DT	6-3	264	Chesterfield, MO
22	Kyle Plummer	JR	CB	5-10	167	Milford, MI
97	Max Pollock	JR	OLB	6-1	223	Takoma Park, MD
10	Clayton Richard	SO	QB	6-4	225	Lafayette, IN
72	Rueben Riley	JR	OL	6-3	304	Grand Rapids, MI
38	Garrett Rivas	JR	PK	5-9	216	Tampa, FL
3	Ross Ryan	JR	P	6-0	206	Franklin, MI
62	Jon Saigh	rFR	OL	6-5	287	Kingsford, MI
66	Paul Sarantos	SR	DT	6-3	261	Portage, MI
69	David Schoonover	SR	OL	6-3	297	DeWitt, MI
68	Patrick Sharrow	SO	OL	6-4	301	Monroe, MI
12	Landon Smith	SO	WR	5-8	167	San Jose, CA
2	Mark Spencer	JR	P	6-0	223	Ann Arbor, MI
79	Adam Stenavich	SR	OL	6-5	317	Marshfield, WI
5	Charles Stewart	rFR	CB	6-1	194	Farmington Hills, MI
28	Jacob Stewart	JR	LB	6-0	225	Ypsilanti, MI
17	Carl Tabb	JR	WR	6-2	192	Ann Arbor, MI
35	Brian Thompson	JR	FB	6-2	230	Saginaw, MI
49	John Thompson	rFR	ILB	6-0	229	Detroit, MI
14	Morgan Trent	rFR	CB	6-0	185	Brighton, MI
50	Jeremy Van Alstyne	JR	DE	6-4	262	Greenwood, IN
49	Eric VanBeek	rFR	FB/LS	6-0	208	Edwardsville, IL
95	Marques Walton	rFR	DT	6-0	280	Chicago, IL
78	Gabe Watson	SR	DT	6-4	331	Novi, MI
8	Matt Wilde	JR	QB	6-2	195	Troy, MI
56	LaMarr Woodley	JR	OLB	6-2	268	Saginaw, MI
99	Pierre Woods	SR	OLB	6-5	247	Cleveland, OH
18	Ben Wright	SO	WR	5-8	182	Grosse Pointe, MI

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES THE LAST 3 YEARS

2004 SEASON

RECORD: 9-3 BIG 10 RECORD: 7-1

MICHIGAN 43 Miami, Oh 10-Wolves QB Gutierrez was a late scratch so true Fr Henne (PS#1) started. Mich ret'd an int 38 yds to the Mia 21 which set up a 31 yd FG. Mia was int'd & ret'd to the 9 which set up a TD run, 10-0. Mia was SOD on 4th & 7 at the Mich 35. Mich got to the Mia 33 but the 1H ran out. In the 3Q Mich ret'd a fmbl 11 yds to the 16 which set up a TD 3 plays later. Mich drove 61 yds for a TD. Mia went on a 61 yd FG drive, 24-3. Mia got a 70 yd PR to the Mich 2 which set up a TD. Mia started at the UM 39 after another 46 yd PR but were int'd by Shazor who ret'd it 80 yds for the TD, 30-10 (xp ng). Three plays later Mich ret'd another int 25 yds to the 7 setting up another TD, 36-10 (xp ng). Mia fmbl'd the KO and Mich tacked on another TD.

NOTRE DAME 28 Michigan 20-ND was int'd at their own 37 and the Wolves hit a 38 yd FG. UM went on a 41 yd drive for a 33 yd FG. ND went 69 yds but were SOD on 4th & goal at the 1. ND's Quinn was int'd at the UM 20. UM went 75 yds for a 22 yd FG on the 1H's last play, 9-0. ND went 61 yds including a 46 yd TD pass to Shelton. Quinn fired a pass that bounced off the receivers chest and was int'd at ND 44 which set up a Wolves 47 yd FG, 12-7. UM was int'd & ret'd to the 29 which set up ND with a TD and the 14-12 lead w/13:48 left. ND blk'd a punt and rec'd at the 6. They got a TD run by true frosh Walker (115 yds in debut) on the next play. ND went on a 42 yd drive but fmbl'd at the UM 31. UM fmbl'd it back on the next play and ND went 40 yds for a TD with 5:49 left to make it 28-12. UM went 80 yds and got a 25 yd TD pass w/2:27 left, 28-20 (2 pt good). ND recovered the onside kick and ran out all but :18.

MICHIGAN 24 San Diego St 21-UM's 1st play was a 54 yd TD pass to Edwards. A 44 yd int return set the Wolves up at the Aztec 21 but Henne was int'd and ret'd 73 yds to the UM 17. Three plays later SDS had a TD. UM went 50 yds and hit a 39 yd FG. SDS QB Dlugolecki was sk'd & fmbl'd and UM ret'd it 6 yds for a TD, 17-7. SDS went 81 yds for a TD. UM brought Richard in at QB and he fmbl'd at their own 39. SDS needed 4 plays for a 15 yd TD pass and a stunning 21-17 halftime lead as UM missed a 49 yd FG on the 2Q's final play. In the 3Q UM opened with a 79 yd TD drive and the lead, 24-21. SDS would miss 46 & 49 yd FG attempts.

MICHIGAN 30 Iowa 17- Iowa opened with a 75 yd TD drive. UM went 35 yds and nailed a 46 yd FG. Iowa fmbl'd at the UM 42 and the next play the Wolves got a 58 yd TD pass to Edwards, 10-7. Iowa was int'd setting up a UM TD, 16-7 (xpng). Iowa went 87 yds but settled for a 25 yd FG. Iowa fmbl'd on their own 23 and 2 plays later UM got a TD, 23-10. Another Iowa fmbl set UM up at the UI 1 but they fmbl'd into the EZ for a TB. Iowa, on 3rd & 18, was int'd and ret'd 25 yds for a TD, 30-10. Iowa drove 80 yds for a TD with 7:28 left. On their last poss Iowa was SOD on its own 32.

Michigan 35 INDIANA 14 - After a fake punt Indy got to the UM 14 but a bad snap saw the QB fall on it for a 29 yd loss & they punted. UM went 84 yds including a 40 yd TD pass. UM went 34 yds but missed a 44 yd FG. Indy got to the UM 32 but a sk pushed them back & they punted. UM went 70 yds but Henne fmbl'd at the IU 7. UM's Hall ret'd a punt 76 yds for a TD. UM fmbl'd and Killion returned it to the UM 11. Four plays later Indy got a TD w/:06 left 2Q, 14-7. UM opened the 3Q with a 97 yd KR to the 3. On 4th & goal at the 1 they got a TD. UM added a 69 yd TD pass, 28-7. UM got an 80 yd TD drive. Indy went 69 yds for a TD. Both backup QB's finished the 4Q.

MICHIGAN 27 Minnesota 24-Both were ranked in Ann Arbor for the first time S/'49. Mich went 65 yds for a TD. Minny went 47 yds but was SOD on 4th & 3 at the Mich 31. Mich settled for a 38 yd FG and a 10-0 lead. Minny's Maroney raced 80 yds for a TD. Mich answered with a 76 yd TD drive. Minny went 80 yds for a TD, 17-14 at half. Henne was int'd at the Minny 18. Later Minny got a 26 yd TD pass, 21-17. Mich drove 45 yds but was int'd in the EZ. Mich fmbl'd a PR at their own 9 which set up Minny for a 27 yd FG. Mich went 68 yds for a 29 yd FG, 24-20. Mich drove 87 yds and got a 31 yd TD pass w/1:57 left. Minny was SOD on 4th & 2 at its own 30.

Michigan 30 ILLINOIS 19-IL fmbl'd on the 1st play at their own 20 which UM turned into 31 yd FG. UM added a 62 yd TD drive. UI went 50 yds but were SOD on 4th & 1 at the UM 33. UI went 77 yds for a TD, 10-7. UM drove 65 yds but Harrison int'd it in the EZ & ret'd it 72 yds. IL got a TD 4 plays later for the stunning 14-10 lead. Henne was int'd and it was ret'd to the Wolves 38. IL nailed a 40 yd FG on the 1H's final play, 17-10. UM drove 47 yds but was SOD at the UI 20. Beutjer was int'd and McClintock ret'd it to the IL 6. UM got a TD 2 plays later, 17-16 (xpng). UM went 86 yds for a late 3Q TD, 22-17 (2 pt ng). UM added a 91 yd TD drive w/8:54 left, 30-17. Beutjer was int'd at the 19. IL went 74 yds but Beutjer was int'd for the 3rd time in the EZ on 3rd & goal from the 6 w/1:37 left. UM took an intentional safety w/:03 left.

Michigan 16 PURDUE 14-PU went 65 yds for a TD. UM drove 80 yds and Hart's 24 yd TD rec tied it at 7. UM went 53 yds and hit a 30 yd FG, 10-7. UM was int'd at the PU 19. PU went 53 yds and a 44 yd FG was blk'd on the 1H's final play. PU was int'd at the UM 42 on a deep pass. UM went 37 yds but missed a 38 yd FG. PU got a 63 yd TD pass and took a 14-10 lead. UM went 72 yds but settled for a 25 yd FG, 14-13. A Breaston 26 yd PR set up UM for a 32 yd FG att (blk'd). UM went 45 yds & Rivas hit a 35 yd FG w/ 2:45 left to give UM the 16-14 lead. PU got a big pass play but WR Bryant fmbl'd & UM rec'd at the 43 w/2:03 left.

MICHIGAN 45 Michigan St 37 (3OT)-9th time in NCAA history that 2 RB's topped 200 yds with UM's Hart (224) and MSU's Cobb (205). After Cobb ripped off a 72 yd TD run, UM answered with an 80 yd TD drive. MSU went 79 yds for a TD, 14-7. After MSU partiallly blk'd a P, MSU missed a 50 yd FG. MSU went 84 yds and a FG made it 17-7. UM went 38 yds and hit a 34 yd FG w/:49 left 1H. Stanton was hurt so Dowdell would QB the rest. UM went 61 yds but fmbl'd at the 21. MSU went 43 yds but settled for a FG. Cobbs broke free with a 64 yd TD run, 27-10 w/8:43 left. UM drove 86 yds but settled for a 24 yd FG. The onside kick was rec'd by UM and UM got an unbelievable Edwards 36 yd TD rec w/6:12 left, 27-20. UM got a 29 yd run by Hart then Edwards caught a 21 yd TD pass w/2:59 left, 27-27. MSU's 52 yd FG came up short. In OT both settled for FG's. In the 2nd OT MSU needed 4 plays for a TD while UM's Avant scored on 3rd & goal from the 5, 37-37. In the 3rd OT Edwards caught a 24 yd TD pass on 3rd & 9, 45-37 (2 pt). MSU's 4th & 7 pass was overthrown in the EZ.

MICHIGAN 42 Northwestern 20-NW went 64 yds for a 23 yd FG. UM went 57 yds and Hart's 34 yd TD run put them ahead. NW went 62 yds but had a 36 yd FG blk'd. NW went 57 yds but settled for a 32 yd FG w/:22 left 1H, 7-6. In the 3Q UM opened with an 82 yd TD drive. NW's Herron ripped off a 68 yd TD run on the next play, 14-13. UM went 60 yds for a TD. After Breaston ret'd a punt 26 yds, UM added a 47 yd TD drive, 28-13. NW went on a 37 yd drive but were SOD at the 45. UM went 55 yds for a TD w/9:47 left, 35-13. Breaston ret'd a punt 67 yds for a TD, 42-13. NW went 73 yds for a TD w/4:48 left. UM, behind backup QB Richard, was SOD on 4th & 7 at the NU 30 w/2:28 left.

OHIO ST 37 Michigan 21-On 3rd & 12 OSU's Smith found Gonzalez for a 68 yd TD pass. UM went 87 yds for a TD to tie. UM went 44 yds for a TD, 14-7. OSU went 99 yds for a TD on 3rd & goal from the 1 to tie. OSU went 71 yds but were SOD at 4th & goal at the 1. After UM punted from their own EZ, OSU started at the UM 32 but settled for a 21 yd FG w/2:16 left 1H. OSU went 46 yds and nailed a 41 yd FG on the 1H's final play to take a 20-14 lead. At the half OSU had a 337-164 yd edge. Ginn ret'd a punt 82 yds for a TD, 27-14. Later OSU went 97 yds for a TD. UM went 76 yds but on 1st & goal at the 8 was int'd in the EZ. UM went 62 yds for a TD. UM was SOD on 4th & 1 at their own 29 and OSU added a 48 yd FG w/ 7:19 left. UM went 49 yds but was SOD on 4th & 6 at the OSU 31 w/ 4:16 left. On their last drive UM was int'd at the OSU 39 w/:35 left.

2003 SEASON

RECORD: 10-3 BIG 10 RECORD: 7-1

MICHIGAN 45 C Mich 7-Perry ran for 230 yds, a UM record for a season opener. UM missed a 25 yd FG but after a 38 yd PR nailed a 30 yd FG. CM was int'd at the 1 and the Wolves drove 71 yds for a TD to lead 10-0. After a 36 yd PR UM drove 37 yds for a TD. CM was SOD on 4th & 3 at the UM 35 and then fmbl'd at the UM 19. The Wolves missed a 48 yd FG on the 2Q's final play. CM took the opening 3Q poss 91 yds for a TD, 17-7. UM answered with 70, 88 & 69 yd TD drives on their next 3 poss to lead 38-7. CM was SOD at the UM 30 and the Wolves drove 70 yds for a TD. UM ended the game at the CM 20.

MICHIGAN 50 Houston 3-UM rec'd a fmbl and drove 24 yds for a TD. They sk'd frosh QB Kolb for a safety and got a 43 yd FG foll the free kick to lead 12-0. UM added a 38 yd FG and then drove 62 yds for a TD, 22-0 at the half. UM missed a 43 yd FG. UH drove for a 44 yd FG but UM then wore down the Cougars with TD drives of 49, 80, 55 and 60 yds.

MICHIGAN 38 Notre Dame 0-UM simply dominated with 19-7 FD and 439-140 yd edges. The Wolves ret'd a punt 43 yds to the 2 to set up a TD & later added a FG. ND was driving but was int'd at the 19. UM went 81 yds for a TD and led 17-0 at the half. UM added a 36 yd TD drive. UM went on a school record 10:20 drive going 80 yds in 19 plays for a TD, 31-0. After ND was SOD, UM drove 50 yds for a TD dealing the Irish their first shutout in the series since 1902.

OREGON 31 Michigan 27-UO was ruled inches short of the goal ine and UM blk'd their FG attempt and ret'd for a TD to lead 6-0 despite having 0 FD's. UO got a 60 yd TD drive and then after UM fmbl'd on a fake punt UO drove 49 yds for a TD. The Ducks added a 61 yd PR to lead 21-6 at the half. UO got a 36 yd FG but UM got 34 and 78 yd TD drives, the latter after UO was stopped on a fake FG from the 5 and pulled within 24-21. UO blk'd a punt and rec'd it for a TD with 6:55 left. UM was int'd at the 25 but then drove 66 yds for a TD with 2:18 left to pull within 4 (xp blk'd). UM rec'd the onside kick but was SOD.

MICHIGAN 31 Indiana 17-UM was int'd at the Indy 5 and 29 but did get a 68 yd PR and a 60 yd int return for TD's to lead 14-0. The Wolves added a 44 yd FG. After Indy was SOD, UM drove 68 yds for a TD, 24-0 at half. Indy opened the 3Q with a 70 yd. 18 play drive for a 27 yd FG. Early 4Q UM drove 51 yds for a TD. Indy blk'd a punt for a TD with 4:16 left. The Hoosiers drove 55 yds for a garbage TD with :30 left.

IOWA 30 Michigan 27-UM was in control early driving 51 and 64 yds for TD's. With UM leading 20-10 with 1:46 left 1H, Iowa got a 43 yd PR and a pers foul which put the ball at the UM 9. The Hawks got a TD with :19 left. In the 3Q after an int Iowa got a 25 yd FG to tie it. After a punt block, the Hawks got a 32 yd FG to take the lead, 23-20. Iowa drove 80 yds for a TD, 30-20. UM answered with a 41 yd TD pass. UM got across midfield but a 4th & 12 pass fell incomplete on their last poss.

Michigan 38 MINNESOTA 35-Minny ran for a Mich opponent record 424 yds but Mich recorded its greatest comeback in school history. Minny led 28-7 after 3Q's with the last TD coming on a 26 yd drive after an int. Mich drove 80 yds for a TD and then got a 34 yd int return for a TD with 13:30 left to pull within 7. Abdul-Khaliq got a 52 yd TD run to put Minny back up by 14. Mich tied it with TD drives of 79 and 60 yds, the latter with 5:48 left. Mich got it back and drove 42 yds for a 33 yd FG with :47 left. Minny was int'd at the Mich 14 with :09 left.

MICHIGAN 56 Illinois 14-UM dominated the 1H with 291-50 yd and 18-2 FD edges and led 35-0 getting a 74 yd PR TD and a TD on 4th & goal on the 2Q's final play. UI got an 81 yd TD drive and added an 80 yd drive for a TD with 5:33 left. UM drove 76 yds for a TD with 1:47 left.

MICHIGAN 31 Purdue 3-UM had 65 and 49 yd TD drives. PU rec'd a fmbl at the UM 28 but was int'd at the 3 with :38 left 1H. In the 3Q PU went 46 yds and had a 1st & goal at the 4 but settled for a FG. UM then went 80 yds for a TD. PU was pinned at its own 2 and fmbl'd and UM's Curry ret'd it for a TD, 28-3. UM went 62 yds and hit a 27 yd FG with 5:50 left, 31-3. PU was int'd at the UM 43 and finished at the UM 39 on their final drive.

Michigan 27 MICHIGAN ST 20-RB Perry set a UM record with 51 rush attempts for 219 yds. UM got a TD early 2Q while MSU settled for a 20 yd FG. UM got a 40 yd TD pass, 13-3 (xpng) at the half. MSU was stuffed on a fake punt and UM drove 65 yds for a TD. MSU got a 73 yd TD pass to Shabaj. UM would go 66 yds for a TD, 27-10. After MSU got a huge KR to the 39 they nailed a 31 yd FG. UM was at the MSU 22 threatening to put the game away when Navarre fmbl'd and Dukes ret'd it 60 yds for a TD with 6:12 left, 27-20. On their last poss MSU got to midfield but their Hail Mary pass was int'd.

Michigan 41 NORTHWESTERN 10-UM drove 65 yds for a TD. NW ret'd the KO to the 46 set up a 36 yd FG. UM missed a 42 yd FG and settled for a 23 yd FG at the end of 36 and 70 yd drives. UM drove 38 yds for a TD after a fmbl. NW fmbl'd the KO and UM got a 26 yd TD pass, 24-3. UM drove 64 yds and Avant made a 1 handed catch in the EZ for a TD, 31-3 at half. UM opened the 3Q with a 70 yd FG drive. The Wolves took their starters out at the beginning of the 4Q. UM had a PR TD called back and NW was able to drive 60 yds for a TD, 34-10. UM brought the starters back in and they went 73 yds and got a 6 yd TD run with 3:13 left.

MICHIGAN 35 Ohio St 21-UM dominated the 1H with 89, 74 and 80 yd TD drives, but the Bucks drove 81 yds for a TD with :44 left 2Q, 21-7. UM drove 62 yds for a TD to open the 3Q but the Bucks went 43 yds for a TD. Krenzel got hurt and McMullen led a 93 yd TD drive with 13:53 left, 28-21. UM was int'd 2 plays later at the Buckeye 36 but OSU punted. UM then got a 31 yd pass to the 24 and capped an 88 yd drive with a TD with 7:55 left. McMullen was int'd at the UM 34 with 1:44 left.

2002 SEASON

RECORD: 10-3 BIG 10 RECORD: 6-2

MICHIGAN 31 Washington 29-UM got a 57 yd TD run by Perry and a 45 yd TD pass. UW drove 50 yds for a TD (xpng) mid 2Q and after a fmbl, drove 25 yds for another, 14-13. Both drove for a TD early 3Q, 21-20. UW got a 30 yd FG after an int, but the Wolves drove 80 yds for a TD, 28-23. UW drove 83 yds for a TD w/ 8:24 left, 29-28. UM missed a 25 yd FG w/ 1:30 left. A 15 yd pen for too many men on field allowed UM to move to the 27 and after missing 3 FG's, they nailed a 44 yd'r.

MICHIGAN 35 W Michigan 12-WM missed a 35 yd FG and UM went on 80, 53 and 57 yd drives for TD's. WM drove 60 yds for a TD w/:26 left, 2Q, 21-6. UM drove 42 and 55 yds TD's, 35-6. WM went 73 yds for a TD, 35-12 (2 pt ng). UM had a FD at the 10 w/ 1:51 left but 3 runs ended up 1 inch short of the goal line.

NOTRE DAME 25 Michigan 23-ND opened w/an 80 yd TD drive. UM got a 20 yd int ret TD. UM had a 31 yd FG blk'd. UM was called for holding in the EZ for a safety. ND got a 27 yd TD drive after a fmbl, 16-7 at the half. UM settled for a 19 yd FG and after ND fmbl'd the KO & scored a TD to take the 17-16 lead. Holiday hit 28 & 48 yd passes to key a 76 yd TD drive, 22-17. UM fmbl'd and ND added a 46 yd FG. UM drove 81 yds for a TD w/ 2:50 left but the 2 pt failed.

MICHIGAN 10 Utah 7-UM had 22-9 FD and 361-221 yd edges. After an int UM started at the Utah 15 and faked a FG for a FD at the 3 but on 2nd & 2 fmbl'd into the EZ for a TB. UM drove 55 yds for a TD and added a 37 yd FG w/ 4:24 left in the half, 10-0. The Wolves missed a 27 yd FG w/ 9:25 left and Utah went 80 yds getting a 29 yd TD pass w/ 5:58 left and close the scoring, 10-7.

Michigan 45 ILLINOIS 28-At the half IL had a 315-234 yd edge but trailed 28-13. They settled for 44 and 39 yd FG's and UM had 15 & 24 yd TD drives after int's. UI also had a FG blk'd just before half. UM added an 88 yd TD drive and got a 10 yd TD drive after an int and a 21 yd FG to lead 45-13 and the Illini got 2 4Q TD's incl one w/:11 left.

MICHIGAN 27 Penn St 24 (OT)-PSU got a 17 yd TD drive after a 25 yd PR to lead 7-0 and UM faked a 31 yd FG and was stopped. UM drove 58 yds for a TD w/ 2:52 left 1H. PSU went 84 yds for a TD (xpng), 13-7. UM went 80 yds for a TD, 14-13. PSU went 80 yds for a TD, 21-14 w/ 7:46 left and UM went 64 yds for a TD w/3:24 left. PSU got to midfield but a 3rd & 5 pass completion was incorrectly ruled inc and it went to OT. PSU got a 20 yd FG and UM a TD.

Michigan 23 PURDUE 21-PU missed a 42 yd FG. UM went 75 yds for a TD and PU 76 yds for a TD. PU missed a 40 yd FG and UM drove 59 yds and hit a 33 yd FG to lead 10-7 at the half. UM was stopped on a fake FG but got a 31 yd TD pass. PU drove 66 yds for a TD, 17-14. UM was SOD at the PU 34 but got a 34 yd TD run on a reverse, 23-14. UM drove but had a 37 yd FG blk'd w/ 7:23 left. PU was int'd at he UM 1 and 15. PU went 44 yds for a TD w/:08 left but UM rec'd the onside kick.

IOWA 34 Michigan 9-UM's worst home loss S/'67. Iowa went 80 yds for a TD and drove 86 yds but settled for a FG after having a 1st & goal at the 1. UM tackled Iowa's P and scored a TD 2 plays later, 10-6 w/ 1:13 left 1H. UM opened the 3Q w/ a 55 yd FG drive but later fmbl'd at their own 16 which Iowa turned into a TD, 17-9. Iowa drove 56 & 50 yds for TD's, 31-9. Iowa added a FG and UI finished w/ 22-12 FD and 399-171 yd edges.

MICHIGAN 49 Michigan St 3-MSU got a 39 yd FG but UM drove 63, 59, 51, 53 and 61 yds for TD's. MSU was SOD at the UM 19 and the Wolves drove 81 yds for a TD. MSU was SOD at the 5 and the Wolves drove 14 yds for a TD foll an int with 1:03 left.

Michigan 41 MINNESOTA 24-Minn got a 32 yd FG after a Mich fmbl. Mich missed a 34 yd FG but got a 14 yd TD drive set up by a bad punt snap by Minn. Mich added a 22 yd FG and drove 76 yds for a TD, 17-3. Minn was int'd in the EZ. Minn opened the 3Q w/78 and 80 yd TD drives to tie it at 17. Mich got a 24 yd FG & blk'd a punt to set up a 10 yd TD drive. After an int Mich drove 40 yds for a TD and after Minn was SOD Mich got a 59 yd TD run. Minn drove 80 yds for a TD w/ 7:18 left. Mich ran out the final time on a 12 play drive ending at the 5.

MICHIGAN 21 Wisconsin 14-UM drove 75 yds for a TD. UW fmbl'd on their 1st play and UM drove 19 yds for a TD. UW ret'd a punt 39 yds for a TD. UW drove 54 yds for a TD foll an int w/ 4:31 left 1H to tie. UM drove 78 yds in 16 plays for a TD. UW's final drive got to the 32 but were SOD.

OHIO ST 14 Michigan 9-In the 1H UM settled for 36, 35 and 22 yd FG's. OSU had a 76 yd TD drive and trailed 9-7 at the half. OSU drove 57 yds for a TD with 4:55 left, 14-9. Navarre was sk'd & fmbl'd at the OSU 35. UM drove but was int'd just short of the EZ as the clock expired and OSU earned their Fiesta Bowl berth.

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

2005 BIG 10 RECRUITMENT RANKING: 1
2005 NATIONAL RANK: 5

2005 NEWCOMERS

Antonio Bass PS#22DB 6-2 191 Jackson HS/ Jackson, MI Will play WR in Ann Arbor and may be used in slash role similar to Steve Breaston. #2 player in the state of Michigan according to Detroit Free Press. 4.44 speed. 355 bench. 475 squat. 34" VL. All area former as HS QB.

Carson Butler PS#42TE 6-5 235 Renaissance HS/Detroit, MI 4.6 speed. Michigan offered after seeing game tape. Didn't play football as a junior due to transfer rules and didn't attend any summer camps. Standout player on basketball team which won Michigan title in 2004.

FB Andre Criswell PS#368LB 6-2 250 Renaissance HS/Detroit, MI Teammate of Carson Butler's at Detroit Renaissance. Bowling Green commit until Michigan received his game tape. Recruited as a FB, despite never having played the position. All MI honors as a DE as a Senior.

Jason Forcier PS#42QB 6-2 208 St Augustine HS/San Diego, CA 4.55 speed. 33" VL. 2nd Tm All-California dual threat QB who threw for 2,915 yards with a 40-8 ratio while rushing for 1,014 yards and 16 TD's as a Senior.

DE Eugene Germany PS#15LB 6-3 255 Pomona HS/ Pomona, CA Originally signed with USC and practiced with them last August before being ruled ineligible. Will play right away if he receives NCAA waiver. 4.65 speed. 1st Team All-California prospect who totalled 143 tackles and 5 sacks as a Senior. Corralled 166 tackles and 5 sacks as a Junior.

Kevin Grady PS#2RB 5-11 228 E Grand Rapids HS/Ada, MI Arrived here in time for Rose Bowl practices in December '04. 4.5 speed. Virtually assured of #2 TB spot after impressive spring. Gatorade Michigan Player of the Year in '04, 2nd Team USA Today All-American. Set 5 Michigan rushing records including the career rushing record with 8,439 yards.

Brandon Harrison PS#19DB 5-11 198 Charminade-Julienne HS/Dayton, OH 4.25 speed. 37" VL. 315 bench. 550 squat. 4 interceptions as a Senior CB despite rarely seeing passes thrown his way.

Brandon Logan PS#24LB 6-1 218 Lexington HS/ Lexington, KY 325 bench. 450 squat. "Smokehouse" award as fastest LB at Michigan's camp with 4.5 speed. Played in Kentucky/Tennessee All Star game.

Mario Manningham PS#6WR 6-1 185 Warren G Harding HS/Warren, OH 4.39 speed. Committed to Michigan in February '04. Parade All-American and 1st Team All-Ohio with 42 catches for 665 yds during regular season.

Tim McAvoy PS#45OL 6-5 275 Bloomington HS/Bloomington, IL 4.8 speed. Committed to Michigan in August '04. Underwent neck surgery in December '04 but expects to be fully healthy when he reports in August. Played TE in HS but will be moved to OL.

James McKinney PS#13DL 6-3 265 Central HS/ Louisville, KY Participated in US Army and Tennessee/Kentucky All Star games. 4.9 speed. 25 reps of 225 bench. All-Kentucky performer who corralled 85 tackles, 11 sacks and forced 7 fumbles as a Senior.

Chris McLaurin PS#47DL 6-4 215 Ochard Lake HS/Rochester Hills, MI 4.84 speed. 29" VL. Committed to Michigan in July '04. Compiled 65 tackles and 10 sacks as a Senior on state finalist.

P Zoltan Mesko PS#2K 6-4 225 Twinsburg HS/Twinsburg, OH Romanian native who moved to US when he was 12. Expected to fill punter job right away. US Army All Star game and was 2nd Team USA Today All-American. Averaged 43.6 as a Senior with 15 inside the 15 and hit 8 of 12 FG's with a long of 47. Averaged 46 as a Junior.

David Moosman PS#40OL 6-5 275 Libertyville HS/Libertyville, IL Shoulder surgery after 2004 season but is expected to be 100% come fall. 350 bench. All-Illinois as a Senior on 7A state champion. 2nd Team All-Illinois by the Chicago Tribune in his first season as a varsity starter as a Junior. Accomplished HS wrestler.

OL Mark Ortmann PS#33TE 6-7 285 Klein HS/ Klein, TX 5.06 speed. 335 bench. 24 reps of 225 bench. Played TE in HS but recruited as an OL. Had 11 receptions for 150 yards with 15 pancake blocks as a Senior.

Chris Richards PS#100DB 5-11 175 James Monroe HS/Pacoima, CA 4.44 speed. 32" VL. Participated in CaliFlorida Bowl All-Star game.

LaTerryal Savoy PS#33WR 6-3 200 Mamou HS/ Mamou, LA Played in All-Star Bowl Game Classic. Hauled in 61 receptions for 1,213 yards and 21 TD on offense with 70 solo tackles and 13 interceptions as a Senior.

Justin Schifano PS#19OL 6-5 295 Schroeder HS/ Webster, NY 5.02 speed. 395 bench. 625 squat. Committed to Michigan in Jan '04. Three time All-New York selection.

Johnny Sears PS#54DB 6-1 175 Edison HS/ Fresno, CA 4.4 speed. Committed to Michigan in May '04. Had 102 tackles and 7 interceptions as a Senior.

Mister Simpson PS#55RB 6-0 220 Colerain HS/ Cincinnati, OH 4.55 speed. 35" VL. Played FB on Ohio state champ rushing for 1,200 yds as a Senior.

DL Marques Slocum PS#6OL 6-6 310 W Philadelphia HS/Philly, PA Participated in US Army All Star game. Parade and EA Sports All American. 5.06 speed. 335 bench. 600 squat. Compiled 78 tackles and 30 tackles for loss, despite playing in just 8 games due to injury as a Senior.

Terrance Taylor PS#11DL 6-2 295 Muskegon HS/ Muskegon, MI EA Sports All American. 500 bench. 630 squat. All Michigan as a Senior with 75 solo tackles, 40 tackles for loss and 7 sacks. State heavyweight wrestling champ.

Cory Zirbel PS#20OL 6-7 305 Murray HS/ Murray, KY Gatorade Kentucky Player of the Year in '04. 365 bench. 500 squat. Played both ways as a Senior with 58 tackles and 7.5 sacks on defense and was a 92% blocker as an OL.

NFL DRAFT

2005

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	3	Braylon Edwards	WR	Cleveland
1	29	Marlin Jackson	CB	Indianapolis
2	33	David Baas	C	San Francisco

2004

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	26	Chris Perry	RB	Cincinnati
3	85	Jeremy LeSueur	DB	Denver
7	202	John Navarre	QB	Arizona
7	221	Tony Pape	OT	Miami

2003

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	41	Bennie Joppru	TE	Houston
2	53	Victor Hobson	LB	NY Jets
3	85	B.J. Askew	FB	NY Jets
6	192	Drew Henson	QB	Houston
6	198	Cato June	LB	Indianapolis
7	240	Charles Drake	DB	NY Giants

2002

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	86	Marquise Walker	WR	Tampa Bay
4	128	Larry Foote	LB	Pittsburgh
5	154	Jonathan Goodwin	C	NY Jets
7	247	Hayden Epstein	K	Jacksonville

2001

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	8	David Terrell	WR	Chicago
1	17	Steve Hutchinson	OG	Seattle
1	18	Jeff Backus	OT	Detroit
2	38	Anthony Thomas	RB	Chicago
2	43	Maurice Williams	OT	Jacksonville

2000

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	40	Ian Gold	LB	Denver
4	110	Aaron Shea	TE	Cleveland
4	122	Josh Williams	DT	Indianapolis
6	177	Dhani Jones	LB	NY Giants
6	199	Tom Brady	QB	New England
7	235	Rob Renes	DT	Indianapolis

1999

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	37	Jon Jansen	OT	Washington
5	136	Jerame Tuman	TE	Pittsburgh
6	171	Tai Streets	WR	San Francisco
6	205	Andre Weathers	CB	NY Giants

1998

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	4	Charles Woodson	CB	Oakland
3	81	Chris Floyd	FB	New England
3	91	Brian Griese	QB	Denver
4	105	Glen Steele	DT	Cincinnati
5	153	Chris Howard	RB	Denver

1997

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	76	Rod Payne	C	Cincinnati
4	97	Damon Denson	OG	New England
7	217	William Carr	DT	Cincinnati

1996

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	8	Tim Biakabutuka	RB	Carolina
2	34	Amani Toomer	WR	NY Giants
4	109	Jon Runyan	OT	Houston
5	136	Mercury Hayes	WR	New Orleans
7	244	Jay Riemersma	TE	Buffalo

LAST 6 BOWL GAMES PAST HISTORIES

2004/2005 ROSE BOWL TEXAS 38 MICHIGAN 37

Texas snuck into the Rose Bowl and snuck out with a 1 point win in this shootout. It was tied at the half, 14-14. UT got a 60 yd TD run in the 3Q by QB Vince Young, but UM came back with 17 consecutive points including 2 TD passes from QB Chad Henne to go up 31-21 after 3 quarters. UT's Young scored on a 10 yd TD run with 9:51 left in the game, 31-28. UM settled for a 32 yd FG, 34-28. Young came back with a 23 yd TD run to put UT ahead 35-34. UM hit a 42 yd FG, but UT drove for a 37 yd FG which went through the uprights as time expired for the UT win. UM's Henne became the 1st ever true frosh starter in the Rose Bowl and hit 18 of 34 passes for 227 yds. UT QB Vince Young was named the Offensive Player of the Game rushing for 192 yds & 4 TDs and passing for 180 yds & 1 TD.

2003/2004 ROSE BOWL USC 28 MICHIGAN 14

USC was ranked #1 in the AP poll, but didn't get a spot in the BCS National Title Game, so they had something to prove here. UM had a 48 yd FG attempt blocked on their 1st possession, and 4 plays later USC got a 25 yd TD pass from QB Matt Leinart to Keary Colbert, 7-0 after 1Q. Deep in their own territory, UM QB Navarre threw a pass that bounced off WR Braylon Edwards' heel, and USC LB Lofa Tatupu picked it off. Leinart threw a 6 yd TD pass to LenDale White to take a 14-0 lead into the halftime. Leinart hit a 47 yd TD pass in the 3Q, but UM got on the board with a 5 yd TD pass from Navarre to TE Tim Massaquoi. USC drove 72 yds and WR Mike Williams took a reverse pitch and threw it 15 yds to QB Leinart for a TD, 28-7 after 3Q's. UM drove 85 yds in 11 plays and RB Chris Perry got a 2 yd TD run in the 4Q for the final.

2002/2003 OUTBACK BOWL MICHIGAN 38 FLORIDA 30

This was a wild one with 7 lead changes. UF QB Rex Grossman threw for 323 yds & Michigan's John Navarre threw for 319 yds. The star of the show was UM RB Chris Perry who rushed for 4 TDs. UM recovered a fumble at the Florida 3 yd line and 2 plays later they were in the end zone, 7-0. UF drove 56 yds in 3 plays and Earnest Graham ran it in to tie it up. Graham got another TD run with 12:04 left in the 2Q to put Florida ahead 13-7. UM drove 83 yds for Chris Perry's 2nd TD run, 14-13. UF drove for a 29 yd FG but UM drove 80 yds in 6 plays and scored a TD with :27 left in the 1H to lead 21-16. UF drove 80 yds in 6 plays and Grossman threw a 33 yd TD pass to put Florida ahead 23-21. UM's Perry got two 3Q TD runs and UM led 35-23 after 3Q's. UF drove 88 yds in 11 plays for a TD to make it 35-30. UM closed the scoring with a 33 yd FG.

2001/2002 CAPITAL ONE FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL TENNESSEE 45 MICHIGAN 17

Tenn had a 503-343 yd edge in the game but only a 22-20 FD edge. UT QB Casey Clausen was named the MVP after throwing for 393 yds & 3 TD passes and also had 2 rush TD's. UT led 10-0 after 1Q. The 2Q featured 2 TD runs by Clausen and a 14 yd TD pass by UM QB John Navarre, 24-7. UM added a 28 yd FG with :37 left in the 1H, 24-10. In the 3Q, Clausen hit a 64 yd TD pass to TE Jason Witten, 31-10. The Vols drove 93 yds and Clausen hit Kelley Washington with a 37 yd TD pass to lead 38-10. Following an int on the UM 3, UT RB Travis Stephens got a 3 yd TD run, 45-10. UM got a 24 yd garbage-time TD pass with 9:32 left in the game for the final. This was UT's largest bowl win in their history. It was Michigan's worst bowl loss and their worst loss overall since a 50-14 loss to Ohio St in 1968.

2000/2001 CAPITAL ONE FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL MICHIGAN 31 AUBURN 28

Auburn QB Ben Leard set 2 Auburn bowl records throwing for 394 yds & 3 TD's, but it wasn't enough to pull out the win. UM got on the board first with a 31 yd TD pass from Drew Henson to David Terrell. Aub evened it up in the 2Q with a 19 yd TD pass from Leard to Ronney Daniels. Aub took the lead with 11:04 left in the half on a 20 yd pass from Leard to Clifton Robinson, 14-7. UM tied it up again with a 4 yd pass from Henson to BJ Askew. UM took the lead on a 11 yd TD run by Anthony Thomas with 0:54 left in the 1H, 21-14. UM's Thomas got a 25 yd TD run with 6:41 left 3Q, 28-14. Aub RB Rudi Johnson got a 12 yd TD run, 28-21. UM hit a 41 yd FG, 31-21. Aub drove and Leard hit a 21 yd TD pass to Deandre Green to pull within 3 but UM recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock.

1999/2000 FEDEX ORANGE BOWL MICHIGAN 35 ALABAMA 34 (OT)

Alabama led 14-7 at the half on 2 Shaun Alexander rush TD's. Alexander added another TD in the 3Q but Michigan came back with three 3Q TD's. Alabama PR Freddie Milons returned a punt 62 yds for a TD and the teams were tied at 28 at the end of the 3Q. Both teams were shut out in the 4Q and Michigan had a FG blocked with :02 left in regulation to force OT. UM scored a TD in OT and Bama also scored a TD but missed the XP to end the game with a 1 pt loss. Alabama RB Alexander finished with 3 TD's (Bama bowl record) and 161 yds rushing in the game. UA returnman Milons set an Orange Bowl & Tide record with 107 punt return yds. The 35 points the teams combined to score in the 3Q set an Orange Bowl record.

MICHIGAN DRAFT FACTS:

Michigan ranks #2 in the Big 10 in draft picks the last 10 years behind only Ohio State. Surprisingly, the gap between UM & OSU is rather large as UM has had 45 draftees and OSU has had 61 since 1996. UM has supplied the NFL with 7 QBs since 1993 including undrafted free agent Scott Dreisbach. Last year UM had 5 active QB's (most of any NCAA team) in the NFL including Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady (a steal in the 6th round in 2000). UM RBs have also been a hot commodity with 4 drafted in the 1st or 2nd round since 1995.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2005

QUARTERBACKS - Justin Zwick (PS#7) played in three games and 9:00 as the #3 QB in '03. He battled Troy Smith who is a dangerous runner and a solid passer for the starting job last year while Todd Boeckman (PS#30) redshirted. Zwick won the starting QB job, but fumbled 3 times and threw two int's vs Cincy. He tossed 2 more vs Marshall although he did throw for 324 yards in that game. He had zero turnovers on the road vs NC State but was bothered by a shoulder injury which was aggravated vs Iowa and he missed the 2H of the regular season. Troy Smith, led the team to the win over Indiana. Against Penn St, Smith had just 8 pass attempts which was the fewest for a winning Buckeye team since 1977 (Rod Gerald 7 att's in Orange Bowl). Smith did have 3 int's and a bad pitch which resulted in a fumble vs Purdue but two of the int's were off receiver's hands. In that game, OSU installed the "shotGinn" formation with QB Smith, a RB and WR Ted Ginn in the backfield. He had a career game vs Michigan which was the 3rd best in school history for total offense with 145 yards rushing and 241 passing. In that game he became the first OSU QB since Rod Gerald (1977) to top 100 yards rushing. Smith, however, was suspended for the bowl and the Bucks almost had to take the redshirt off of Boeckman as Zwick injured his hamstring with 5:00 to go in the 1Q. Zwick gutted out the game and was impressive hitting 17 of 27. Ginn actually took snaps out of the shotgun in relief of Zwick in the bowl game. This year Smith, Zwick and Boeckman return but Smith will be suspended for the opener. This is a deep QB corps and should put up much improved numbers, especially with Ginn now fully incorporated into the offense.

RUNNING BACKS - Maurice Clarett was the favorite to win the Heisman in the preseason of 2003 but, of course, turned out to be a big distraction and eventually left school. Both Lydell Ross (PS#18) and Maurice Hall (PS#8) suffered through nagging injuries. Ross finished with 826 yards (4.3) and Hall had 316 (3.3). FB Branden Joe (PS#19) was the team's #4 rusher. Basically everyone returned last year, so the team was expected to make significant improvement. They once again did not have a feature back and the leading rusher had just 475 yards. This year they lose Ross (6 st, 475, 4.1), Hall (6 st, 216, 4.2), Joe (2 st, 162, 3.2), Roshawn Parker (5 yds) and Mike DeMaria (4 yds). Pittman will battle rFr Erik Haw (PS#18) who is 210 lbs with 4.21 speed and this year's true frosh Maurice Wells (PS#11). TB's Colby Staubs (6-0 200 Jr), Matthew Johnson (5-11 190 So) and FB's Dionte Johnson (6-0 250 So, PS#112LB, 1 st), Steve Fender (6-4 250 So) and Ryan Franzinger (6-1 250 So) are also in the mix. Despite the losses, this unit should be more productive with a stronger OL.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Bucks had to replace WR Michael Jenkins (#1DC ATL), TE Ben Hartsock (#3DC IND) and WR Drew Carter (#5DC CAR). They did return explosive Santonio Holmes, but he was a one-man show early on. It was not until midseason when they inserted Ted Ginn Jr into the lineup that the WR's became explosive. Another productive addition was Anthony Gonzalez (PS#25) who also has blazing speed. The good news for the Buckeyes is that the only losses are WR Bam Childress (6 st, 17, 12.1), WR John Hollins (21:00) and TE Jason Caldwell (5:00). Not listed in the 2 deep are WR's Albert Dukes (6-1 170 rFr, PS#89), Derek Harden (6-1 215 So) and TE Marcel Frost (6-5 255 So, PS#8). What was an average receiving corps at the start of 2004, and a very good one at the end, figures to be one of the best in the country in 2005.

OFFENSIVE LINE - One would expect OSU, which garnered a reputation of "3 yards and a cloud of dust" under Woody Hayes to have a top-notch running game on a yearly basis. Surprisingly their best ypc rushing since 1998 is 4.3 in 2002. They had 4 OL starters back in 2003 but the O-line only paved the way for 3.3 ypc while allowing 33 sacks. Last year they had to replace four starters including 3 DC's. TJ Downing and Kirk Barton were the first two OL's off the bench and by the end of the year they had earned starting spots. OSU's offensive production picked up once Ted Ginn was inserted into the lineup and the OL was reshuffled. Overall the Bucks averaged 4.0 ypc rushing and trimmed the sack total to 23. Surprisingly three of the top ten were walk-ons. This year they only have to replace RG Mike Kne (12 st). They add super VHT rFr's Ben Person (PS#25) and Kyle Mitchum (PS#6) as well as true frosh Alex Boone (PS#2). This should be the Buckeyes' best offensive front in the Tressel era.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Buckeyes had a veteran defensive front in both 2002 and 2003 and allowed just 2.6 and 2.0 ypc rushing finishing #2 in the country in rush D in 2003 while compiling 37 sacks. Last year the majority of the line departed including Big 10 Def POY Will Smith (#1DC NO) and two 3rd round DC's. While they allowed just 130 ypg (3.5) rushing that was more than double 2003's total (62), and their sack total dropped to 24. This year they lose DE Simon Fraser (12 st, 28 tkl, 2.5 sk, 2nd Tm B10), but 7 of the top 8 return. There are 8 VHT's in the lineup. Not listed are Brandon Maupin (6-6 300 So, PS#24), Brett Daly (6-7 225 So) and this year's fine crop of true frosh. This is a far more experienced defensive front and should be one of the nation's best.

LINEBACKERS - The Bucks had to replace two LB starters last year but had 4 of the top 6 back and actually had 3 players who led a Div IA team in tackles. AJ Hawk led the Bucks in tackles in 2003, Anthony Schlegel was simply 1st Tm MWC at Air Force leading the team with 117 tackles and 12 tfl in 2002 and John Kerr led Indiana in tackles as a true frosh with 114. Kerr got into Tressel's doghouse and ended up playing exclusively on the scout team. Mike D'Andrea (PS#1), after an injury plagued 2003 season, started 3 games but then tore his ACL. Hawk was simply 1st Tm AA and Schlegel and Bobby Carpenter (PS#26) were both highly productive. If D'Andrea can stay healthy and Kerr gets out of the doghouse, they would have 5 players capable of starting at any school. Marcus Freeman (PS#8), who had 4 tackles as a true completes the ultra talented 2 deep. Everyone returns from last year's fine unit, so I'll call it the nation's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - OSU finished #37 in my pass D rankings in 2003. Six of the top eight returned last year but they had to replace #1 and #4 DC's. SS Donte Whitner has been compared to Michael Doss and was the #4 tackler even though he missed 2 gms with what was thought to be a season ending knee injury (only 6 sts). The Bucks moved up to #17 allowing a 15-18 ratio. This year they lose CB Dustin Fox (#3DC MIN, 8 st, 28 tkl, 3 pbu) and CB Harlen Jacobs (9 tkl) and possibly CB EJ Underwood (8 st, 29 tkl) who was suspended indefinitely in the spring. Whitner experimented at CB and the team adds a ton of VHT underclassmen including true frosh Jamario O'Neal (PS#9) who may start right away at CB. Not listed in the among the talent are CB Michael Roberts (5-11 185 Jr, PS#37) and SS Rob Harley (6-2 202 Sr, PS#197WR). This is a more experienced group.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Buckeyes have had some fine finishes in my special teams rankings including #1 in both 1995 and 1998. In Tressel's first year they finished #35 but moved up to #14 in 2002. They had to replace their super punter Groom in 2003, but with the emergence of Ray Guy winner BJ Sander (#3DC) they still finished #29. Last year they had to replace Sander and their top 2 PR's. The Buckeyes' special teams were indeed special in 2004 and took home their third #1 finish. The star of the unit was Lou Groza winner Mike Nugent. Nugent hit an amazing 24 of 27 FG's with 5 FG's from 50+ including a crucial 55 yard FG on the last play to beat Marshall. P Kyle Turano had a 42.8 average with a terrific 39.2 net. KR Maurice Hall avg 25.6. Of course, one of the keys to this unit's #1 finish was the PR's as Santonio Holmes was dangerous (10.7) but Ted Ginn Jr was simply the best in the country avg 25.6 ypr with 4 TD's on just 15 PR's. This year they lose Hall, Turano and Nugent (#2DC NYJ, 40 TB's on 62 KO's). Josh Huston, who missed 2 seasons with injury, had regained his VHT form and was kicking as well as Nugent at the end of LY. Huston had 67 TB's on 79 KO's in HS. It will be tough for OSU to duplicate last year's outstanding finish, but this group has a chance.

COACHES - In Jim Tressel's 2nd year he won a National Championship and became the 1st coach to win an NCAA Title at the IAA level and then one in IA ball. He was the Div IA Coach of the Year in '02 and enters his 5th season. His OC is Jim Bollman who was the Bears TE coach in '99 and 2000. 2003's DC Mark Dantonio took over as the HC at Cincy in '04 and 2004 DC Mark Snyder has taken the top job at Marshall (with Tressel's blessing), so the new DC is Jim Heacock. He enters his 10th season at OSU dating back to the John Cooper era. Heacock has coached the DL the entire time. They added BG DC Tim Beckman ('98-'04), who was a Broyles Award finalist in '01 as the new CB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Ohio St had finished outside the AP Top 25 for 3 straight years prior to 2002. Before the 2002 season I rated Ohio St #7 in the country which was far higher than almost every other source and I called them a surprise team and a darkhorse contender for the National Title. Only 2 other preseason magazines (besides mine) even picked OSU to win the Big 10! They simply took home their first National Championship since 1968 when Woody Hayes won his 3rd. They became the first team in major college history to compile 14 wins in one season but did have some close escapes and won 7 games by 7 points or less. In 2003 they appeared to be a stronger team but had the Maurice Clarett situation looming over the season and a reliable feature back was never found. They still had a shot at getting to the National Title game, but lost their season finale to Michigan, although they did beat a powerful K-St team in the bowl. Last year OSU set a record for NFL DC's as they had 14 DC's in 7 rounds (previous high had been 11). They had just 9 starters back, a rebuilt O-line and a new QB. As expected, the Buckeyes' offense struggled as they managed 13 FD's or less in six of their first 10 games. They needed a Nugent 55 yard FG on the last play to get past Marshall and had just 137 yards offense vs NCSt but still prevailed. They lost to NU for the first time since 1971 and allowed Wisky to beat them for a 3rd consecutive time in Columbus. Iowa throttled them with a 448-177 yard edge and the Bucks opened 0-3 in Big 10 play for the first time since 1988. QB Zwick injured his shoulder vs Iowa which thrust the more mobile Troy Smith into the starting lineup vs Indiana. The Bucks responded with a 443-242 yd edge and a 30-7 win. Penn St had a 13-4 FD edge in the 1H, but thanks to a PR TD and an int ret TD, OSU won 21-10. They trailed Mich St 19-17 late in the 4Q, when Ginn took a short screen pass 58 yds for a TD. OSU unveiled their "Shot Ginn" formation vs Purdue but shot themselves in the foot with 4 2H TO's in a last minute loss. OSU's offense blossomed vs Michigan with 446 yards against what was a top-notch D. They then throttled Okla St in the bowl 33-7. Despite the 4-4 conf record OSU was actually outgained by 58.7 ypg in league play, the 3rd worst mark in the league. With Ted Ginn and an explosive set of receivers plus a deeper and more experieced O-line the Buckeyes' offense should be one of the most improved in the country. Defensively 9 starters are back and I rate them 3rd best in the NCAA on that side of the ball. OSU will likely be favored in 9 of their 11 games but have 3 potential National Title elimination games on their schedule hosting Texas & Iowa and travelling to Michigan. They are a National Title contender.

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JIM TRESSEL (Career 40-11) (Div IAA 135-57-2)
5th Year at Ohio St
Tressel's SU Bowl Record: 3-1

2004 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (22,22,1)
Lost: 17 (8,6,3)

2004 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 104,876

	HC	OC	DC
2004	Jim Tressell	Jim Bollman	Mark Snyder
2003	Jim Tressell	Jim Bollman	Mark Dantonio
2002	Jim Tressell	Jim Bollman	Mark Dantonio
2001	Jim Tressell	Jim Bollman	Mark Dantonio
2000	John Cooper	Chick Stobart	Jon Tenuta
1999	John Cooper	Mike Jacobs	Fred Pagac
1998	John Cooper	Mike Jacobs	Fred Pagac
1997	John Cooper	Mike Jacobs	Fred Pagac

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2005 Schedule Difficulty-#17

Date	Opponent	TURF	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp
Sep. 3	Miami, Oh	G		
Sep. 10	Texas	G		
Sep. 17	San Diego St	G		
Sep. 24	Iowa	G		
Oct. 1				
Oct. 8	at Penn St	G		
Oct. 15	Michigan St (HC)	G		
Oct. 22	at Indiana	A		
Oct. 29	at Minnesota	A		
Nov. 5	Illinois	G		
Nov. 12	Northwestern	G		
Nov. 19	at Michigan	A		
Nov. 26				

WR Ted Ginn, Jr.

LAST 7 YEARS BIG 10 RANKINGS

	Big 10 Record	Finished	Total OFF	Total DEF	Avg Score in Big 10 Play
2004	4-4	#5	306	364	23.0-21.4
2003	6-2	#2	350	288	21.9-15.5
2002	8-0	#1	341	304	23.1-11.0
2001	5-3	#3	379	349	27.9-26.6
2000	5-3	#4	360	322	28.4-19.4
1999	3-5	#8	313	354	19.6-26.0
1998	7-1	#1(T)	493	265	36.0-12.4

LAST 10 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	OPPONENT	SCORE
94	Citrus	Alabama	17-24
95	Citrus	Tennessee	14-20
96	Rose	Arizona St	20-17
97	Sugar	Florida St	14-31
98	Sugar	Texas A&M	24-14
00	Outback	S Carolina	7-24
01	Outback	S Carolina	28-31
02	Fiesta	Miami, Fl	31-24 2OT
03	Fiesta	Kansas St	35-28
04	Alamo	Oklahoma St	33-7

Ohio St's All-Time SU Bowl Record 17-19

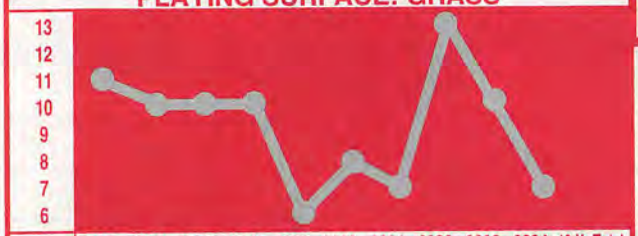
Last 6 Big 10 Titles
2002 1993
1998 1986
1996 1984

AP/Cch/UPI Nat'l Champs
2002 1954
1968 1942
1957

TOP 5 CAREER RECORD LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
1. Art Schlichter 7,547	1. Archie Griffin 5,589	1. Michael Jenkins 2,898
2. Bobby Hoying 7,232	2. Eddie George 3,768	2. David Boston 2,855
3. Joe Germaine 6,370	3. Tim Spencer 3,553	3. Gary Williams 2,792
4. Greg Frey 6,316	4. Keith Byars 3,200	4. Cris Carter 2,725
5. Steve Bellisari 5,878	5. Pepe Pearson 3,121	5. Doug Donley 2,252

STADIUM: OHIO STADIUM (101,568)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS



	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	10 Yr Total
Record	11-1	10-1	10-2	10-1	6-6	8-3	7-4	13-0	10-2	7-4	92-24
Home	6-0	5-1	7-0	5-1	5-2	4-2	4-2	8-0	8-0	5-1	57-9
Away	5-1	5-0	3-2	5-0	1-4	4-1	3-2	5-0	2-2	2-3	35-15

OHIO STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 10 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	24.2	16	145	4.0	175	53.5	13.3	-1	2004	4	18.3	19	130	3.5	202	55.8	18.2
8*	24.8	17	126	3.3	206	56.8	13.4	+1	2003	6	17.6	19	62	2.0	235	57.9	16.9
5	29.3	18	191	4.3	173	61.8	12.4	+13	2002	7	13.1	17	78	2.6	243	57.7	24.5
5*	26.0	19	180	3.9	191	51.7	14.3	+9	2001	6	20.3	18	139	3.6	197	51.9	16.5
7*	27.6	19	156	3.7	205	52.3	13.1	+8	2000	7	18.5	18	102	2.7	223	54.0	17.6
5	23.8	18	167	4.2	181	46.7	14.6	-8	1999	7	23.9	19	160	3.7	203	59.7	15.1
8	35.8	24	200	4.7	298	58.9	13.9	+5	1998	9	12.0	14	70	2.2	190	48.3	21.7
5*	30.3	21	164	3.8	242	59.7	13.4	0	1997	3	13.1	15	119	3.2	158	46.3	21.2
6	37.9	22	228	4.8	212	53.8	11.6	+15	1996	10	10.9	14	96	2.6	150	46.2	22.5
7*	37.6	23	210	4.8	269	61.9	13.1	+8	1995	6	16.9	17	145	3.8	184	51.7	19.4

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Lydell Ross	117	507	32	475	4	4.1
Antonio Pittman	**72**	**403**	**22**	**381**	**1**	**5.3**
Troy Smith	**82**	**401**	**62**	**339**	**2**	**4.1**
Maurice Hall	52	223	7	216	1	4.2
Branden Joe	50	168	6	162	1	3.2
Ted Ginn Jr.	**13**	**124**	**11**	**113**	**2**	**8.7**
Justin Zwick	**39**	**125**	**93**	**32**	**0**	**0.8**
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Justin Zwick	**187**	**98**	**52.4**	**1209**	**6**	**6**
Troy Smith	**122**	**68**	**55.7**	**896**	**8**	**3**
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Santonio Holmes		**55**	**769**	**14.0**	**7**	**80**
Ted Ginn Jr		**25**	**359**	**14.4**	**2**	**59**
Roy Hall		**17**	**230**	**13.5**	**1**	**50**
Bam Childress		17	205	12.1	0	28
Anthony Gonzalez		**8**	**179**	**22.4**	**2**	**68**
Ryan Hamby		**16**	**178**	**11.1**	**1**	**29**
Lydell Ross		6	49	8.2	0	23
Rory Nicol		**3**	**34**	**11.3**	**1**	**23**
Branden Joe		3	27	9.0	0	15
Antonio Pittman		**6**	**26**	**4.0**	**0**	**16**
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Turano	65	2780	42.8	16	39.2	0	22
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Nugent	30-30	5-5	7-7	7-9	5-6	24-27	55

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
AJ Hawk	**141**	**1**	**7**	**5**	**2**
Bobby Carpenter	**93**	**2**	**5**	**3**	**3**
Anthony Schlegel	**84**	**3.5**	**7**	**2**	**0**
Donte Whitner	**69**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**1**
Ashton Youboty	**61**	**1**	**2**	**14**	**4**
Nate Salley	**55**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**2**
Quinn Pitcock	**49**	**2**	**6**	**1**	**1**
Tyler Everett	**39**	**0**	**2**	**6**	**1**
Marcus Green	**32**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**
EJ Underwood	**29**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Mike Kudla	**28**	**4**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Simon Fraser	28	2.5	3	6	0
Dustin Fox	28	0	0	3	0
David Patterson	**19**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Jay Richardson	**15**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Sirjo Welch	**15**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Brandon Mitchell	**15**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**
Mike D'Andrea	**13**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Joel Penton	**13**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Santonio Holmes	**20**	**214**	**10.7**	**1**	
Ted Ginn Jr	**15**	**384**	**25.6**	**4**	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Maurice Hall	19	487	25.6	0	
Santonio Holmes	**8**	**186**	**23.2**	**0**	

2004 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Cincinnati	21	43-220	5.1	16-29	242	1	11	26-76	2.9	17-37	162	0	-3
Marshall	15	26-79	3.0	18-33	324	1	19	44-150	3.4	22-35	140	3	-1
at NC State	11	40-64	1.6	10-21	73	2	15	35-157	4.5	12-24	99	3	+4
at Northwestern	20	37-97	2.6	18-38	211	4	24	39-166	4.3	24-44	278	0	0
Wisconsin	12	25-99	4.0	15-31	125	5	19	48-184	3.8	15-24	160	2	-2
at Iowa	12	29-27	0.9	14-26	150	2	24	37-117	3.2	26-39	331	2	-2
Indiana	22	43-282	6.6	12-24	161	1	15	36-53	1.5	17-28	189	6	+1
Penn St	13	44-143	3.3	6-8	59	3	18	50-177	3.5	7-22	69	3	0
at Michigan St	12	35-169	4.8	13-21	138	1	22	34-145	4.3	29-46	262	0	+2
at Purdue	11	30-146	4.9	14-29	192	3	24	43-120	2.8	29-42	264	3	-3
Michigan	18	47-205	4.4	13-23	241	0	20	22-71	3.2	27-54	328	1	+2
† Oklahoma St	19	42-214	5.1	17-27	189	0	15	30-149	5.0	15-35	137	1	+1
TOTALS	186	441-1745	4.0	166-310	2105	23	226	444-1565	3.5	240-430	2419	24	-1
AVERAGES	15.5	37-145	4.0	14-26	175	1.9	18.8	37-130	3.5	20-36	202	2.0	-0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
† Miami, Fl	12-23 L
UCLA	42-20 W
Ohio	40-16 W
Cincinnati	34-20 W
Wisconsin	17-42 L
Purdue	25-22 W
at Penn St	10-23 L
at Minnesota	20-17 W
Iowa	41-11 W
at Michigan St	7-23 L
Illinois	20-46 L
at Michigan	17-24 L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Fresno St	43-10 W
at Arizona	27-17 W
Miami, Oh	27-16 W
Penn St	45-6 W
at Wisconsin	23-7 W
Minnesota	17-29 L
at Iowa	38-10 W
at Purdue	27-31 L
Michigan St	27-13 W
at Illinois	24-21 W
Michigan	26-38 L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Akron	28-14 W
at UCLA	6-13 L
at Indiana	27-14 W
Northwestern	38-20 W
Wisconsin	17-20 L
San Diego St	27-12 W
at Penn St	27-29 L
at Minnesota	31-28 W
Purdue	35-9 W
Illinois	22-34 L
at Michigan	26-20 W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Texas Tech	45-21 W
Kent St	51-17 W
Washington St	25-7 W
† Cincinnati	23-19 W
Indiana	45-17 W
at Northwestern	27-16 W
San Jose St	50-7 W
at Wisconsin	19-14 W
Penn St	13-7 W
Minnesota	34-3 W
at Purdue	10-6 W
at Illinois	OT 23-16 W
Michigan	14-9 W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Washington	28-9 W
San Diego St	16-13 W
NC State	3OT 44-38 W
Bowling Green	24-17 W
Northwestern	20-0 W
at Wisconsin	10-17 L
Iowa	19-10 W
at Indiana	35-6 W
at Penn St	21-20 W
Michigan St	33-23 W
Purdue	OT 16-13 W
at Michigan	21-35 L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Cincinnati	27-6 W
Marshall	24-21 W
at NC State	22-14 W
at Northwestern	OT 27-33 L
Wisconsin	13-24 L
at Iowa	7-33 L
Indiana	30-7 W
Penn St	21-10 W
at Michigan St	32-19 W
at Purdue	17-24 L
Michigan	37-21 W

WR Ted Ginn, Jr.

OHIO STATE 2005 DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

QB
#10 TROY SMITH JR.
6-1 215 **PS#31**
4.43 speed. Suspended for 2005 opener & LY's bowl. 8 gms, 6 sts, 896 yds (56%), 8-3 ratio, 401 rush yds LY. Sp tms as rFr.

#12 JUSTIN ZWICK JR.
6-4 225 **PS#7**
7 gms, 6 sts, 1209 yds (52%), 6-6 ratio, 125 rush yds LY. 3 gms, 9 min, 26 total yds as #3 QB as rFr.

K
#23 JOSH HUSTON SR.
6-1 195 **PS#10**
Rec'd 6th yr from NCAA. #2 K behind Nugent L/2Y. 3-10 FG, long of 44 before losing job as rFr.

#32 RYAN PRETORIUS rFR.
5-10 190
Walk-on from South Africa.

RB
#25 ANTONIO PITTMAN SO.
5-11 195 **PS#19**
565 squat, 4.39 speed.10 gms, 92 min, 381 rush yds (5.3), 6 rec as true.

#2 ERIK HAW rFR.
6-1 210 **PS#18**
4.21 speed. OH Div II Offensive POY as a HS Sr with 3038 yds & 30 TD.

WR
#4 SANTONIO HOLMES JR.
5-11 185 **PS#59**
12 sts, **2nd TM Big 10**, 55 rec (14.0), 7 TD, 20 PR (10.7) & 1 TD LY. 12 gms, 4 sts, 188 min, 32 rec (17.2), 7 TD as rFr.

#8 ROY HALL JR.
6-3 228 **PS#15**
11 gms, 5 sts, 134 min, 17 rec (13.5) LY. 12 gms, 26 min, 6 rec (11.5) as rFr.

#18 DEVON LYONS SO.
6-4 214 **PS#11DB**
12 gms, 1 st, 26 min, 2 rec LY. 10.9 100M in HS.

FB
#43 BRANDON SCHNITTKER SR.
6-2 250 **PS#61LB**
430 bench. 10 gms, 2 sts, 49 min, 2 rec LY. 1 st, 8 gms, 77 min, 12 rush yds, 4 rec (6.5) in '03. 14 gms, 1 st, 90 min, 28 total yds as rFr.

#89 STAN WHITE JR.
6-3 242 **PS#18LB**
420 bench. FB/TE. 9 gms, 1 st, 34 mins LY. 12 gms mostly sp tms, 27 mins as rFr.

WR
#7 TED GINN, Jr SO.
6-0 170 **PS#1DB**
Also situational CB. 4.22 speed. 12 gms, L/6 sts, 25 rec (14.4), 113 rush yds, #1 NCAA 15 PR (25.6) & tied NCAA record with 4 TD's as true. Broke Jessie Owens record for most gold medals in Ohio's track meets.

#11 ANTHONY GONZALEZ SO.
6-0 200 **PS#25**
4.37 speed. 8 gms, 2 sts, 67 min, 8 rec (22.4) after emerging as #3 receiver as rFr. OH Def POY as HS Sr.

RT
#74 KIRK BARTON SO.
6-6 305 **PS#98**
11 gms, L/7 sts at RT, 196 min as rFr. 2nd string but still RS'd as true. 4.81 speed.

#68 TIM SCHAFER JR.
6-5 290 **PS#60DL**
Tried at DT in spring. 10 gms, 1st 5 sts at RT, 141 min LY, 2nd string, 8 gms, 10 mins as rFr.

RG
#77 ROB SIMS SR.
6-4 310 **PS#33**
510 bench. Moved to RG in spring. 11 sts at LT, 268 min LY, 12 sts at LT, 317 mins in '03. 11 gms, 6 sts at LT, 153 min as a true frosh.

#69 ANDREE TYREE SR.
6-3 290 **PS#13TE**
460 bench. OG/C. 2 gms, 5 min in '03. 5 gms, 21 min as rFr. Also goal line FB.

C
#55 NICK MANGOLD SR.
6-4 290 **PS#62**
4.94 speed. 605 squat. **HM Big 10**, 11 sts at C, 303 min LY. 11 sts at C, 342 min in '03. 8 gms, 72 mins, 2nd string as true.

#73 STEVE WINNER SR.
6-6 295 **PS#227**
Walk-on. 2nd string C, 2 gms, 2 min LY. Can play any position on OL.

LG
#50 DOUG DATISH JR.
6-5 295 **PS#11**
400 bench. 11 sts (10 at LG, 1 at C), 250 min LY. 4 gms, 6 min as rFr.

#72 TJ DOWNING JR.
6-5 305 **PS#74**
10 gms, 2 sts at LG, 119 min, 2nd string LY. 1 gm, 2 min as rFr.

LT
#71 STEVE REHRING SO.
6-8 315 **PS#46**
Biggest Buckeye. Burned RS for L/6 gms, 1 st at LT, 44 min as true. Enrolled in Jan '04.

#NA ALEX BOONE FR.
6-8 315 **PS#2**
5.1 speed. 24 reps of 225 bench. Could come in and play right away.

TE
#80 RYAN HAMBY SR.
6-5 250 **PS#52**
12 gms, 9 sts, 225 min 16 rec (11.1) LY. 13 gms, 7 sts, 208 min, 18 rec (10.6) in '03. 14 gms, 5 sts, 189 min, 2 rec as rFr.

#88 RORY NICOL SO.
6-5 245 **PS#13WR**
10 gms, 1 st, 51 mins, 3 rec (11.3) as true.

DEFENSE

DE
#99 JAY RICHARDSON JR.
6-6 270 **PS#70**
Quickest DL with 4.72 speed. 9 gms, 1st 6 sts at DE, 130 min, 15 tkls, 2 tfl LY. 5 gms, 12 min, 1 tkl as rFr.

#97 DAVID PATTERSON JR.
6-3 285 **PS#11**
11 gms, 4 sts at DT, 151 min, 19 tkls, 5 tfl LY. 12 gms, 29 min, 7 tkls, 2 sks as true.

DT
#94 MARCUS GREEN SR.
6-3 290 **PS#50OL**
11 gms, 7 sts at DT, 174 min, 32 tkls, 3 tfl LY. 11 gms, 3 sts at DT, 84 min, 15 tkls, 1 tfl in '03. 11 gms, 25 min, 2 tkls as rFr.

#95 SIAN COTTON SO.
6-4 295 **PS#28**
4 gms, 4 min, 4 tkls, 1 sk LY. Basketball teammate of LeBron James in HS.

DT
#90 QUINN PITCOCK JR.
6-3 295 **PS#11**
4.91 speed, #1 on team with 660 squat. **HM Big 10**, 11 sts at DT, 253 min, 49 tkls, 8 tfl LY. 13 gms, 1 st at DE, 106 min, 17 tkls, 5 tfl as rFr.

#98 JOEL PENTON JR.
6-5 275 **PS#51**
12 gms, 104 min, 13 tkls, 3 tfl LY. 6 gms, 17 min as rFr.

DE
#57 MIKE KUDLA SR.
6-3 265 **PS#23LB**
Team's strongest with OSU record 555 bench. 11 gms, 7 sts at DE, 177 min, 28 tkls, 7 tfl LY. 13 gms, 93 min, 9 tkls, 1 tfl in '03. 14 gms, 66 min, 12 tkls, 1 tfl as true.

#50 VERNON GHOLSTON SO.
6-4 250 **PS#59LB**
4.5 speed. 5 gms, 9 mins, 2nd string at end of true frosh yr.

CB
#26 ASHTON YOUBOTY JR.
6-1 188 **PS#30**
HM Big 10, 12 gms, L/9 sts, 61 tkls, 14 pbu, 4 int LY. 13 gms, 1 st at CB, 28 min, 14 tkls as true.

#29 SHAUN LANE rFR.
5-10 180 **PS#51**
4.45 speed. Dad Garcia was Bucks All-America DB.

#NA JAMARIO O'NEAL FR.
6-1 180 **PS#9**
4.4 speed. Expected to play right away.

OLB
#47 AJ HAWK SR.
6-1 238 **PS#40**
4.45 speed! 420 bench. **1st TM AA**, Big 10, 12 sts, 141 tkls, 8 tfl LY. 1st TM Big 10, 13 sts, 106 tkls, 13 tfl, 5 pbu in '03. 14 gms, 1 st, 26 tkls, 4 tfl as true.

#33 JOHN KERR JR.
6-1 246 **PS#81**
4.5 speed. Indiana transfer. 12 sts at IU, 114 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 int as true in '02. OH Def POY as HS Sr.

MLB
#51 ANTHONY SCHLEGEL SR.
6-2 245 **PS#653**
630 squat. 12 gms, 8 sts at MLB, 84 tkls, 11 tfl LY. Transferred from Air Force in '03. 1st TM MWC, 13 sts, 117 tkls, 12 tfl in '02. 10 gms, L/6 sts, 48 tkls, 4 tfl as true.

#5 MIKE D'ANDREA SR.
6-3 250 **PS#1**
4.46 speed. Shot put on track tm. 4 gms, 3 sts at MLB, 13 tkls, 4 tfl until torn ACL LY. 10 gms, 24 tkls, 3 tfl in '03. 12 gms, 31 min, 7 tkls as true.

OLB
#42 BOBBY CARPENTER SR.
6-3 255 **PS#26**
4.46 speed. 430 bench. 12 sts, 93 tkls, 7 tfl, 3 pbu, 3 int LY. 13 gms, 3 sts, 37 tkls, 7 tfl in '03. 14 gms, 46 min, 12 tkls as true.

#17 MARCUS FREEMAN SO.
6-2 230 **PS#8**
420 bench. 11 gms, 28 min, 4 tkls as OLB & sp tms as true. Enrolled in January '04.

CB
#6 TYLER EVERETT SR.
5-11 196 **PS#24**
4.36 speed. 12 gms, 7 sts (6 at SS, 1 at NB), 206 min, 39 tkls, 6 pbu LY. 13 gms, 70 min, 18 tkls, 3 pbu in '03. 9 gms, 43 min, 12 tkls, 1 int as true.

#30 SIRJO WELCH SO.
6-0 185 **PS#18**
4.4 speed. 11 gms, 11 min, 15 tkls as true.

FS
#21 NATE SALLEY SR.
6-3 215 **PS#43**
2nd TM Big 10, 10 sts (inj), 236 min, 55 tkls, 4 pbu, 2 int LY. HM Big 10, 13 gms, 11 sts, 333 min, 77 tkls, 5 pbu in '03. 14 gms, 34 min, 6 tkls as true.

#32 BRANDON MITCHELL JR.
6-3 205 **PS#98WR**
12 gms, 2 sts at FS, 95 min, 15 tkls, 2 pbu, 1 int LY. 10 gms, 3 sts, 89 min, 19 tkls, 3 pbu, 1 int as rFr.

P
#15 AJ TRAPASSO rFR.
6-1 220 **PS#30**
Redshirted LY after being suspended in August. Enrolled in January '04. 42.0 ypp avg as HS Sr.

#NA AARON PETTREY FR.
6-2 175 **PS#36**
Grayshirt walk-on K/P in August. KY record 58 yd FG, 42.0 ypp avg as P as HS Sr.

SS
#9 DONTE WHITNER JR.
5-11 200 **PS#9**
630 squat. Tried at CB in spring '05. 10 gms, 6 sts at SS, 176 mins, 69 tkls, 4 tfl LY. 13 gms, 86 mins, 22 tkls, 2 int as true.

#35 NICK PATTERSON rFR.
6-2 210 **PS#54WR**
4.5 speed. Played in '04 but still redshirted.

OHIO ST BUCKEYES ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Offensive Coor/OL coach: Jim Bollman, 5th year
An original member of Tressel's staffs at both OSU and Youngstown St, Bollman was an NFL assistant serving as the TE coach for the Chicago Bears ('99-00) and the Philadelphia Eagles ('98). Bollman (OL coach '78-82) met Tressel when both were assistants at Miami (OH). They were reunited at Youngstown St where Bollman was DC ('86-88) and the OC ('89-90).

QB coach/Pass game coor: Joe Daniels, 5th year
Daniels came to OSU after serving 4 seasons as an assistant at Cincinnati including as the OC there in '00. His pro experience includes stops at Cleveland ('83-85), Buffalo ('86-87) and the NY Jets ('90-91).

RB coach: Dick Tressel, 2nd year
Brother of HC Jim, Tressel was OSU's associate director of football operations from '01-03. Prior to coming to Columbus he served as Div III Hamline University's HC for 21 years compiling a 124-102-2 record.

WR/sp teams coach/Assistant HC: Darrell Hazell, 2nd year
Hazell's special teams unit finished #1 in the NCAA in our rankings in his debut season. Hazell previously was the WR coach at Rutgers ('01-03), the RB coach at West Virginia ('99-00) and the TE coach at Army ('97-98).

TE coach/Recruiting coor: John Peterson, 2nd year
The former Bucks OL joined the staff in April '04 after being the OL coach at Miami (OH) from '99-03. His first full-time postion came as the OL coach at Akron from '95-98.

DEFENSE

Co-Def Coor/DL coach: Jim Heacock, 10th year
The only staffer remaining from the John Cooper era, Heacock was promoted to Co-DC after Mark Snyder left for Marshall in April. Heacock previously was Illinois St's HC from '88-95 compiling a 37-49-2 record. He served on Don James staff at Washington as a DL coach from '83-87.

Co-Def Coor/LB coach: Luke Fickell, 4th year
A 4 year starter on the DL, Fickell still holds the OSU record for most consecutive starts (50). After returning to Columbus he has worked with the special teams in '02-03 and the DL in '03 before moving onto the LB's in '04. Fickell started his coaching career at Akron serving as the DL coach in '00-01.

CB coach: Tim Beckman, 1st year
Newest member of the OSU staff as he was hired in April '05, Beckman was a Bowling Green assistant from '98-04. He served as the DC there from '02-04, being a Broyles award finalist in '01.

Safeties coach: Paul Haynes, 1st year
Haynes changed Big 10 addresses in February '05 after serving as Michigan St's DB coach the L2Y. He spent '02 as the DB coach at Louisville after spending the '01 season in the NFL as the Jacksonville Jaguars DB coach.

Strength coach: Allan Johnson, 5th year
One of Tressel's first hires at OSU was Johnson who had previously spent 13 years in 2 seperate stints at West Virginia ('83-88 and '93-00). In between he worked with MLB's Baltimore Orioles.

GAME BY GAME TEAM STATS

VERSUS	CIN	MARSH	NC ST	K'WSTN	WISK	IOWA	IND	PENN ST	MICH ST	PUR	MICH	BOWL	TOTALS
SCORE	27	24	22	27	13	7	30	21	32	17	37	33	290
FD's	21	15	11	20	12	12	22	13	12	11	18	19	186
TOTAL YARDS	462	403	137	308	224	177	443	202	307	338	446	404	3850
RUSH YARDS	43-220	26-79	40-64	37-97	25-99	29-27	43-282	44-143	35-169	30-146	47-205	42-214	441-1745
PASS YARDS	242	324	73	211	125	150	161	59	138	192	241	190	2105
COM-ATT	16-29	18-33	10-21	18-38	15-31	14-26	12-24	6-8	13-21	14-29	13-23	17-27	166-310
INT	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	9
SACKS VS/Yds	0-0	1-11	2-14	4-28	5-21	2-9	1-3	3-22	1-7	3-18	0-0	0-0	22-135
FUMBLES/Lost	4-1	2-2	1-1	2-1	3-2	3-2	0-0	2-2	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-1	22-14
OPPONENTS STATS													
SCORE	6	21	14	33	24	33	7	10	19	24	21	7	219
FD's	11	19	15	24	19	24	15	18	22	24	20	15	226
TOTAL YARDS	238	290	256	444	344	448	242	246	407	384	399	286	3984
RUSH YARDS	26-76	44-150	35-157	39-166	48-184	37-117	36-53	50-177	34-145	43-120	22-71	30-149	444-1565
PASS YARDS	162	140	99	278	160	331	189	69	262	264	328	137	2419
COM-ATT	17-37	22-35	12-24	24-44	15-24	26-39	17-28	7-22	29-46	29-42	27-54	15-35	240-430
INT	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	2	3	1	2	1	15
SACKS BY/Yds	1-7	3-19	3-17	0-0	2-8	2-10	6-49	3-17	0-0	3-13	1-11	1-4	25-155
FUMBLES/Lost	0-0	1-0	3-2	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	13-4

INDIVIDUAL GAME PERFORMANCES

RUSHING	CIN	MARSH	NC ST	K'WSTN	WISK	IOWA	IND	PENN ST	MICH ST	PUR	MICH	BOWL
Lydell Ross	17-141-1	24-90-0	25-51-1	11-31-1	7-30-0	10-0-0	–	–	7-26-0	–	4-7-0	12-99-1
Antonio Pittman	7-66-0	–	2-9-0	11-32-0	4-48-0	7-16-0	20-144-1	7-27-0	–	5-32-0	7-4-0	2-3-0
Troy Smith	5-7-0	1-0-0	–	–	–	6-7-0	11-58-0	12-26-0	13-34-0	16-62-1	18-145-1	–
Maurice Hall	7-14-0	–	4-2-0	–	–	–	7-43-0	14-65-0	11-83-1	3-2-0	2-(2)-0	4-9-0
Brandon Joe	–	–	–	3-8-0	3-4-0	2-2-0	1-9-0	9-22-1	1-5-0	3-3-0	14-52-0	13-57-0
PASSING												
Justin Zwick	14-26-2	18-30-2	10-21-0	18-38-1	15-31-0	6-14-1	–	–	–	–	–	17-27-0
(Com-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	213-1	324-3	73-0	211-0	125-1	74-0						190-1
Troy Smith	2-3-0	0-2-0	–	–	–	8-12-0	12-24-0	6-8-0	13-21-0	14-29-3	13-23-0	–
	29-1	0-0				76-0	161-2	59-0	138-1	192-1	241-2	
RECEIVING												
Santonio Holmes	4-91-1	10-224-2	2-16-0	10-99-1	3-34-0	4-56-0	4-42-1	2-20-0	4-41-0	4-49-1	3-50-1	5-47-0
Ted Ginn, Jr	2-(-1)-0	1-10-0	–	–	–	1-19-0	1-59-1	2-23-0	4-77-1	3-7-0	5-87-0	6-78-0
Roy Hall	1-12-0	3-38-1	1-11-0	2-54-0	5-25-0	1-10-0	3-39-0	–	–	1-41-0	–	–
Bam Childress	4-67-0	1-20-0	5-38-0	3-42-0	3-26-0	–	–	–	–	–	–	1-12-0
Anthony Gonzalez	–	–	–	–	–	1-9-0	2-21-0	–	1-11-0	1-38-0	2-77-1	1-23-1
Ryan Hamby	4-75-1	1-5-0	1-11-0	1-6-0	1-3-0	4-39-0	1-0-0	–	–	1-15-0	1-20-0	2-6-0
Lydell Ross	1-(-2)-0	2-27-0	1-5-0	1-5	–	–	–	–	–	–	1-7-0	–
Devon Lyons	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1-0-0	1-15-0	–	–

OHIO ST'S 2005 ROSTER

#	Name	Year	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown
93	Nader Abdallah	rFR	DT	6-3	295	Metairie, LA
83	Redgie Arden	SR	DE	6-4	260	Ironton, OH
74	Kirk Barton	SO	OT	6-6	305	Massillon, OH
78	Alex Barrow	rFR	DE	6-4	245	Dublin, OH
17	Todd Boeckman	rFR	QB	6-5	235	St Henry, OH
53	Caesar Buie	SO	OL	6-3	285	Shaker Hts, OH
42	Bobby Carpenter	SR	LB	6-3	255	Lancaster, OH
14	Matthew Ciepiela	rFR	QB/P	5-11	185	Alpharetta, GA
81	RJ Coleman	JR	TE	6-5	295	Clarksburg, WV
59	John Conroy	SR	OG	6-3	295	Bay Village, OH
95	Sian Cotton	SO	DT	6-4	295	Akron, OH
5	Mike D'Andrea	SR	LB	6-3	248	Avon Lake, OH
92	Brett Daly	SO	DL	6-7	225	Elyria, OH
36	Matt Daniels	rFR	FB	5-7	205	New Albany, OH
50	Doug Datish	JR	OG	6-5	295	Warren, OH
39	Michael Dougherty	rFR	DB	5-10	180	Youngstown, OH
72	TJ Downing	JR	OG	6-5	305	Canton, OH
61	Matt Drummelsmith	rFR	LB	6-4	205	Clayton, OH
78	Daniel Dye	SO	OL	6-3	271	Napoleon, OH
6	Tyler Everett	SR	SS	5-11	196	Canton, OH
39	Steve Fender	SO	FB	6-4	250	Toledo, OH
88	Pete Foltz	rFR	WR	6-0	180	East Canton, OH
35	Ryan Franzinger	SO	FB	6-1	250	Westlake, OH
17	Marcus Freeman	SO	LB	6-2	230	Huber Hts, OH
81	Marcel Frost	SO	TE	6-5	255	South Euclid, OH
21	Tyson Gentry	rFR	P	6-2	165	Sandusky, OH
50	Vernon Gholston	SO	DL	6-4	250	Detroit, MI
7	Ted Ginn Jr	SO	FL	6-0	170	Cleveland, OH
11	Anthony Gonzalez	SO	FL	6-0	200	Cleveland, OH
94	Marcus Green	SR	DT	6-3	290	Louisville, KY
8	Roy Hall	JR	SE	6-3	228	Cleveland, OH
80	Ryan Hamby	SR	TE	6-5	250	Cincinnati, OH
19	Derek Harden	SO	WR	6-1	215	Logan, OH
34	Rob Harley	SR	SS	6-2	202	Elmhurst, IL
41	De'Angelo Haslam	SO	DB	5-9	170	Akron, OH
2	Erik Haw	rFR	RB	6-1	210	Columbus, OH
47	AJ Hawk	SR	LB	6-1	238	Centerville, OH
96	Jordan Hoewischer	SO	TE	6-4	250	Sidney, OH
4	Santonio Holmes	JR	FL	5-11	185	Belle Glade, FL
46	Chad Hoobler	SO	LB	6-3	215	Carrollton, OH
23	Josh Huston	SR	PK	6-1	195	Findlay, OH
49	Dionte Johnson	SO	FB	6-0	220	Columbus, OH
44	Matthew Johnson	SO	RB	5-11	190	Upper Arlington, OH
82	Devin Jordan	SO	SE	6-2	205	Massillon, OH
13	Ben Kacsandi	rFR	QB	6-1	210	Wooster, OH
33	John Kerr	JR	LB	6-1	246	Strongsville, OH
57	Mike Kudla	SR	DE	6-3	265	Medina, OH
29	Shaun Lane	rFR	CB	5-10	180	Hubbard, OH
53	Adam Licker	rFR	LS	5-10	190	Pepper Pike, OH
18	David Lisko	rFR	WR	6-1	220	Hilliard, OH
36	Curt Lukens	SO	SS	6-3	215	North Canton, OH
52	Ryan Lukens	rFR	LB	6-0	230	Lebanon, OH
18	Devon Lyons	SO	WR	6-4	214	N Braddock, PA
56	Dimitrios Makridis	SO	LS	6-1	225	Warren, OH
55	Nick Mangold	SR	OC	6-4	290	Centerville, OH
70	Brandon Maupin	SO	DL	6-6	300	Cincinnati, OH
32	Brandon Mitchell	JR	FS	6-3	205	Atlanta, GA
67	Kyle Mitchum	rFR	OG	6-6	275	Erie, PA
88	Rory Nicol	SO	TE	6-5	245	Beaver, PA
58	Drew Norman	JR	LS	6-0	230	Dennison, OH
35	Nick Patterson	rFR	DB	6-2	210	St Louis, MO
97	David Patterson	JR	DL	6-3	285	Warrensville Hts, OH
98	Joel Penton	JR	DL	6-5	275	Van Wert, OH
76	Drew Parry	rFR	OL	6-2	295	Maumee, OH
63	Ben Person	rFR	OG	6-4	300	Xenia, OH
90	Quinn Pitcock	JR	DT	6-3	295	Piqua, OH
25	Antonio Pittman	SO	TB	5-11	190	Akron, OH
32	Ryan Pretorius	rFR	K	5-10	190	Durban, S Africa
71	Steve Rehring	SO	OT	6-8	315	West Chester, OH
99	Jay Richardson	JR	DE	6-6	270	Dublin, OH
24	Mike Roberts	JR	CB	5-11	185	Toronto, Ontario
16	Trever Robinson	SO	LB	6-0	220	Richmond, VA
87	Kyle Ruhl	rFR	WR	6-1	154	Powell, OH
21	Nate Salley	SR	FS	6-3	215	Ft Lauderdale, FL
68	Tim Schafer	JR	OT	6-5	290	Upper Arlington, OH
51	Anthony Schlegel	SR	LB	6-2	245	Highland Park, TX
43	Brandon Schnittker	SR	FB	6-2	250	Sandusky, OH
77	Rob Sims	SR	OT	6-4	310	Macedonia, OH
41	Jonathan Skeete	rFR	K	5-10	195	Gahanna, OH
79	Jon Skinner	rFR	OT	6-5	280	Mount Carmel, PA
14	Antonio Smith	JR	FS	5-10	190	Columbus, OH
54	Brandon Smith	rFR	LB	6-3	240	Euclid, OH
10	Troy Smith	JR	QB	6-1	215	Cleveland, OH
33	Colby Staubs	JR	RB	6-0	200	Akron, OH
44	Curtis Terry	SO	LB	6-2	220	Cleveland, OH
15	AJ Trapasso	rFR	P	6-1	220	Pickerington, OH
69	Andree Tyree	SR	OG	6-3	290	London, OH
34	Brent Ullery	SO	WR	6-0	203	Centerville, OH
19	Brandon Underwood	rFR	CB	6-2	170	Hamilton, OH
2	EJ Underwood	SR	CB	6-1	175	Hamilton, OH
30	Sirjo Welch	SO	FS	6-0	185	Columbus, OH
89	Stan White Jr	JR	TE	6-3	242	Baltimore, MD
54	Tyler Whaley	rFR	OL	6-1	270	Ironton, OH
9	Donte Whitner	JR	CB	5-11	200	Cleveland, OH
73	Steve Winner	JR	C	6-6	290	Dublin, OH
26	Ashton Youboty	JR	CB	6-1	188	Klein, TX
12	Justin Zwick	JR	QB	6-4	225	Massillon, OH

OHIO STATE BUCKEYES THE LAST 3 YEARS

2004 SEASON

RECORD: 8-4 BIG 10 RECORD: 4-4

OHIO ST 27 Cincinnati 6 - After both teams settled for FG's OSU went 80 yds for a TD with 1:11 left 1H, 10-3. OSU was int'd at their own 40 & ret'd to the 35. UC got a 25 yd FG. OSU drove 57 yds for a TD,17-6.OSU brought in QB Smith and got an 85 yd TD drive with 5:54 left. UC was SOD.

OHIO ST 24 Marshall 21 - OSU got an 80 yd TD pass. MU answered with an 80 yd TD drive. OSU got a 47 yd TD pass to Holmes to cap their 85 yd drive. MU's Goddard ripped the ball out of OSU TB Ross' hands and raced 27 yds for a TD, 14-14. OSU answered with an 80 yd TD drive. Zwick was int'd and ret'd to the OSU 13. On 3rd & 20 MU got a 23 yd TD pass to tie it with 8:40 left. Zwick was int'd again, this time at the MU 41. With 3:17 left MU missed a 35 yd FG. A poor MU punt set up OSU at the 45. OSU got a FD and was whistled for illegal motion but Nugent nailed the game winning 55 yd FG.

Ohio St 22 NC STATE 14 - TO's were the key here as 4 scoring drives covered 10 yds or less for OSU & they finished the game with just 137 yds offense. OSU led 13-0 at the half on 2 Nugent FG's and a Ross TD run. NCS fmbl'd to open the 3Q at their own 16 and OSU got a 33 yd FG. NCS drove 80 yds for a TD, 16-7. OSU nailed a 46 yd FG, 19-7. NCS was int'd at the 28. OSU nailed a 47 yd FG, 22-7. OSU fmbl'd at the NCS 12 and NCS went 79 yds getting a garbage TD with 1:28 left.

NORTHWESTERN 33 Ohio St 27(OT) - NW went 38 yds & nailed a 41 yd FG. OSU went 49 yds for a 33 yd FG. NW went 52 yds and a TD pass to Herron put them up 10-3. NW was int'd at the 8. OSU's Holmes ret'd a punt 62 yds for a TD to tie it. OSU fmbl'd at their own 47 with :54 left in the 1H and NW nailed a 40 yd FG on the final play, 13-10. NW opened the 3Q with a 78 yd drive for a TD. OSU went 77 yds for a a TD. NW went 80 yds and Herron's TD run made it 27-17. OSU went 55 yds but settled for a 28 yd FG. After an int OSU took over at the 22 but Zwick was int'd in the EZ. Zwick then led OSU 69 yds with a 21 yd TD pass with 1:54 left tieing it. NW punted and OSU took a knee to force OT. OSU settled for a 40 yd FG but Nugent missed it and Herron's 1 yd TD run snapped NW's 24 game losing streak vs OSU.

Wisconsin 24 OHIO ST 13 - Tressel lost B2B games for the 1st time at OSU. UW won for the 3rd consec time in Columbus. OSU's Ginn ret'd a punt 65 yds for a TD. OSU got a 43 yd run by Pittman but settled for a 42 yd FG. UW ret'd the KO 46 yds and Davis ripped off a 32 yd TD run. UW went 78 yds & got a TD. OSU nailed a 55 yd FG to pull within 14-13 at the half. UW opened the 3Q with a 72 yd drive for a 26 yd FG. UW got an 11 yd TD pass & the D held OSU to 2 FD's in the 2H.

IOWA 33 Ohio St 7 - After fmbl at the OSU 16, Iowa went 61 yds for a TD and 39 yds for a 45 yd FG. OSU went 68 yds but on 3rd & 8 Zwick's pass was int'd in the EZ with 2:32 left in the 1H. In the 3Q OSU's Zwick was inj'd after being sk'd & fmbl'd on OSU's own 30 setting up an Iowa TD, 17-0. Smith came in at QB for OSU but they went 3 & out. Later Iowa added a 36 yd TD pass and an 83 yd TD drive. OSU was SOD. Iowa started at the 22 and nailed a 41 yd FG. Iowa went for it on 4th & 4 at the OSU 27 and was SOD. OSU went 73 yds for a garbage TD.

OHIO ST 30 Indiana 7 - OSU's Troy Smith hit 12 of 24 for 161 yds in his 1st start. An OSU fmbl was rec'd by Indy but after review OSU was given back the ball. On 3rd & 7 a pass was tipped and almost int'd but Ginn pulled it out of the air and raced 59 yds for a TD. OSU went 85 yds for a TD. A Roby 42 yd rec was the key play on an 80 yd TD drive, 14-7. OSU hit 29 & 52 yd FG's. Indy missed a 40 yd FG. In the 3Q OSU added a 35 yd FG, 23-7. OSU's Pittman got a 28 yd TD run with 4:52 left.

OHIO ST 21 Penn St 10 - PSU QB Mills DNP due to a concussion. In the 1Q OSU had 6 plays and 12 ttl yds but led 14-0. OSU got a 62 yd KR to the PSU 35. Seven plays later they got a TD. At the half PSU had 16 plays in OSU territory, twice as many as the Bucks. They had 13-4 FD and 157-63 yd edges but trailed 21-7. PSU went 48 yds in 12 plays. On 4th & goal from the 4 they opted for a 21 yd FG with 9:31 left to finish the scoring.

Ohio St 32 MICHIGAN ST 19 - MSU's Dowdell was int'd & ret'd to the 17 and OSU's Ginn ran for a TD. Ginn then ret'd a punt 60 yds for a TD, 14-0 with OSU having 0 FD's. OSU's nailed a 53 yd FG. MSU went 87 yds for a TD. MSU went 56 yds for a 27 yd FG. MSU went 27 yds and nailed a 44 yd FG, 17-13. MSU missed a 54 yd FG on the 1H's final play. OSU fmbl'd at their own 42 and this time Rayner hit a 53 yd FG. MSU went 68 yds for a 29 yd FG with 3:06 left, 19-17. OSU's Smith hit a slant pass to Ginn which he took 58 yds for a TD, 25-19 (2 ptng) with 1:37 left. MSU was int'd at the OSU 44. On 3rd & 5 Hall raced 51 yds for a TD with :25 left. MSU was int'd in the EZ.

PURDUE 24 Ohio St 17 - PU's Kirsch started for an inj'd Orton. OSU went 46 yds and got a 44 yd FG. PU went 67 yds but settled for a 33 yd FG. PU went 78 yds for a TD. PU went 76 yds and got a TD with 1:31 left 1H, 17-3. OSU went on a 66 yd drive and Holmes caught a 30 yd TD pass. PU was int'd & ret'd to the 36. OSU got to the 8 but the Bucks fmbl'd on 3rd & goal. OSU went 44 yds for a TD. Orton led PU 80 yds and hit a 14 yd TD pass, 24-17. OSU was int'd 2 plays later at their own 34.

OHIO ST 37 Michigan 21 - On 3rd & 12 OSU's Smith found Gonzalez for a 68 yd TD pass. UM went 87 yds for a TD to tie. UM went 44 yds for a TD, 14-7. OSU went 99 yds for a TD on 3rd & goal from the 1 to tie. OSU went 71 yds but was SOD on 4th & goal at the 1. After UM punted from their own EZ, OSU started at the UM 32 but settled for a 21 yd FG w/2:16 left in the 1H. OSU went 46 yds and nailed a 41 yd FG on the 1H's final play, 20-14. At the half OSU had a 337-164 yd edge. Ginn ret'd a punt 82 yds for a TD, 27-14. Later OSU went 97 yds for a TD. UM went 76 yds but on 1st & goal at the 8 was int'd in the EZ. UM went 62 yds for a TD. UM was SOD on 4th & 1 at their own 29 and OSU added a 48 yd FG w/7:19 left. UM went 49 yds but was SOD on 4th & 6 at the OSU 31 w/4:16 left. On their last drive UM was int'd at the OSU 39 w/:35 left.

2003 SEASON

RECORD: 11-2 BIG 10 RECORD: 6-2

OHIO ST 28 Washington 9 - OSU dominated the 1H leading 21-0 with a 237-77 yd edge and had TD drives of 72, 78, 25 yds (after a long PR). UW got a 46 yd FG early 3Q but OSU drove 61 yds for a TD, 28-3. UW gained most of its yds in the 4Q getting drives of 71 yds (35 yd FG blk'd) and 59 yds (TD).

OHIO ST 16 SDSt 13 - OSU was int'd on the 1st play and after an OSU pers foul pen, SDS drove 11 yds for a TD on 3rd & 10. OSU nailed a 38 yd FG and SDS had a 1st & goal at the OSU 5 after a 75 yd drive (2 more pers foul pen) but the pass was deflected, int'd in the EZ & ret'd 100 yds for a TD by Allen, 10-7. Dlugolecki (1st start) was int'd again and the Bucks got a 32 yd FG. SDS fmbl'd on the OSU 29 and it was 13-7 at half despite SDS having 13-4 FD and 132-76 yd edges. OSU fmbl'd setting up a SDS 48 yd FG. OSU drove 69 yds but missed a 28 yd FG. After a fmbl OSU got a 34 yd FG early 4Q, 16-10. SDS drove 58 yds for a 45 yd FG with 10:13 left. SDS punted from midfield and their last poss was SOD at the OSU 46. OSU converted just 1 of 14 3rd downs but got one on the final drive on 3rd & 6 and was able to get 1 more FD and run out the final 2:49.

OHIO ST 44 NC State 38 (3 OT) - While the FD's were 28-15 in favor of NCS, they had just a 336-317 yd edge. OSU went 70 yds for a TD and, after NCS fmbl'd the KO at the 3, added another, 14-0. NCS went 75 yds for a TD with :18 left 1H. In the 3Q OSU got an int ret to the 7 setting up a 22 yd FG After another int OSU drove 42 yds for a TD to lead 24-7 with 11:27 left. OSU fmbl'd a punt at their own 18 opening up the door for NCS. NCS got a TD w/8:26 left and added a 24 yd FG after an int w/5:51 left. NCS drove 86 yds for a TD w/:21 left to force OT. Each team got a TD in the first 2 OT's. OSU got a TD but missed the 2 pt conv and NCS's McClendon was tkl'd at the 1 on 4th down.

OHIO ST 24 B Green 17 - OSU QB Krenzel DNP and OSU drove 62 yds but fmbl'd at the BG 14, but after an int drove 29 yds for a TD. BG got an 87 yd TD drive. OSU got a 47 yd FG after a fumble and added a 42 yd drive for a TD to lead, 17-7 at the half. OSU drove 76 yds in 6 plays for a TD w/8:46 left, 24-7. BG then drove 80 yds for a TD w/3:25 left, rec'd the onside kick, and got a 33 yd FG w/1:46 left. BG got a FD to midfield, but Will Allen got an int to end it.

OHIO ST 20 N'western 0 - OSU got their 1st shutout in 62 gms. OSU QB Krenzel DNP but McMullen drove them 59 and 31 yds on their 1st 2 drives for a TD and FG. NU went on a 61 yd drive but had a TD run called back on holding and then missed a 35 yd FG to trail 10-0 at the half. OSU opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive. NU missed a 47 yd FG. OSU was SOD. Mid-4Q OSU nailed a 42 yd FG for a 20-0 lead and NU never threatened after that.

WISCONSIN 17 Ohio St 10 - Rainy, cold 1H. UW drove 64 yds in 13 plays for a TD which came on the 1st play of the 2Q, 7-0. UW fmbl'd a punt at its own 19 but OSU settled for a 24 yd FG and trailed 7-3 at the half. UW was pinned at its own 1 after a punt but a huge punt saw OSU fmbl and UW rec'd it on the OSU 39. UW then nailed a 38 yd FG, 10-3. UW QB Sorgi was intentionally inj'd by OSU LB Reynolds and Schabert QB'd the rest. OSU was int'd at the UW 23 with 11:28 left but got a 46 yd pass down to the 6 and the TD 2 plays later w/6:09 left to tie. UW got a 79 yd TD pass w/5:20 left. OSU punted from midfield with 3:40 left but UW got 2 FD's and ran out the clock.

OHIO ST 19 Iowa 10 - OSU got a 53 yd FG and then a 54 yd PR for a TD. Iowa drove 51 yds for a 36 yd FG, 10-3. OSU had a 1st & goal at the 1 but Krenzel fmbl'd. OSU blk'd a punt for a TD, 17-3. OSU lined up for a 47 yd FG late 3Q but a high snap botched it. Iowa faked a 22 yd FG and K Kaeding ran in for a TD even though replay showed 2 holding calls on Iowa were not called, 17-10. Later Iowa was pinned at its own 2 and the snap went over the QB's head for a safety w/3:03 left, 19-10. Surprisingly Iowa kicked off deep and OSU ran out all but :38. OSU got an int with :10 left to seal it.

Ohio St 35 INDIANA 6 - OSU had the crowd edge in front of 51,240 and simply dominated. They rolled up 603 yds offense, their most S/'86 and held IU to -12 yds rushing. OSU drove 79, 66 and 49 yds for TD's. OSU also missed a 35 yd FG and fmbl'd at the IU 10 and led 21-0 at the half with 330-46 yd edge. OSU was int'd at the 6 but drove 49 yds for a TD. They fmbl'd going into the EZ at the end of a 37 yd pass for a TB but then drove 70 yds for a TD w/6:22 left, 35-0. IU went 58 yds for a garbage TD with 3:28 left.

Ohio St 21 PENN ST 20 - OSU drove 75 yds for a TD but PSU answered with an 80 yd TD drive. PSU got a huge play when they ret'd an int 78 yds for a TD and then added a 42 yd FG, 17-7 at the half. OSU QB Krenzel was inj'd late 1H & McMullen QB'd the 2H. OSU opened with an 80 yd TD drive. PSU drove 50 yds but was int'd at the 32. Early in the 4Q PSU added a 48 yd FG, 20-14. OSU drove 72 yds and WR Jenkins outjumped the DB and took the ball away for a TD w/1:35 left. PSU got 2 FD's and then K Kimball, who had been booming his KO's thru the EZ, just missed 60 yd'r on the game's final play. McMullen hit 12-17 for 112 yds.

OHIO ST 33 Mich St 23 - MSU drove 95 yds for a TD and OSU drove 52 yds but settled for a 44 yd FG. MSU was int'd & ret'd 66 yds setting up OSU for a 28 yd TD drive, 10-7. OSU added 60 yd TD drive. MSU drove 51 yds for a 48 yd FG and trailed 17-10 at the half. OSU opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive, but MSU ret'd the KO 93 yds for a TD, 24-17. OSU drove 72 and 55 yds but settled for 24 & 42 yd FG's. Later OSU went 50 yds and had a 1st & goal at the 3 but settled for an 18 yd FG w/5:18 left, 33-17. MSU then drove 64 yds for a TD w/3:21 left. OSU rec'd the onside kick and finished the game at the MSU 5.

OHIO ST 16 Purdue 13 (OT) - OSU P Sander did a great job pinning PU inside the 20 six times during the gm. PU went 53 yds for a 45 yd FG. OSU got a 60 yd pass down to the PU 13 but settled for a 25 yd FG. PU ret'd the KO to midfield and got a 47 yd FG. OSU nailed a 52 yd FG, 6-6 at the half. PU went on an 86 yd, 14 play drive but missed a 28 yd FG. Pinned at their own 5, Orton was sk'd and fmbl'd and OSU DL Kudla rec'd it for a TD, 13-6. PU got a 92 yd TD drive w/4:36 left. PU fmbl'd on their own 29 w/1:36 left but OSU had a 41 yd FG blk'd on the final play. OSU settled for a 30 yd FG & PU missed a 37 yd FG in OT.

MICHIGAN 35 Ohio St 21 - UM dominated the 1H with 89, 74 and 80 yd TD drives, 21-0 with 5:49 left but OSU drove 81 yds in 12 plays for a TD w/:44 left in the 2Q, 21-7. UM drove 62 yds for a TD to open the 3Q but OSU went 43 yds in 4 plays for a TD. Krenzel got hurt and McMullen led a 93 yd, 10 play drive for a TD with 13:53 left, 28-21. UM was int'd 2 plays later at OSU 36 but OSU punted. UM then on 3rd & 5 got a 31 yd pass to the 24 and capped an 88 yd drive with a TD w/:55 left. Krenzel ret'd for a pair of 3 & outs and then McMullen came w/2:28 left and led OSU to 3 FD's but was int'd at the UM 34 with 1:44 left.

2002 SEASON

RECORD: 14-0 BIG 10 RECORD: 8-0

OHIO ST 45 Tx Tech 21 - RB Clarett became the 1st true frosh to start at TB for OSU and rushed for 175 yds and 3 TD's. OSU controlled the 1H leading 21-7. OSU scored on their 1st 3 poss of the 3Q, 38-7 and then brought in backup QB McMullen. TT got an 80 yd TD drive, trailed 45-15 w/ 2:24 left and got a garbage TD drive w/:12 left on a 36 yd TD pass. OSU rushed for 317 yds.

OHIO ST 51 Kent St 17 - OSU opened w/a 38-0 lead on a 31 yd TD drive after a partly blk'd punt, 45 yd int ret for TD, 76 & 66 yd TD drives, a 40 yd FG and 32 yd int ret for a TD. KSU got 75 and 36 yd drives on the final 2 drives of the half, 38-14. OSU got 32 and 45 yd FG's to extend it to 44-14 at the start of the 4Q and coasted.

OHIO ST 25 Wash St 7- WSU played well in the 1H and had a 189-109 yd edge and led 7-6 at the half as OSU had 2 FG's. The 2H was dominated by OSU as Clarett had 194 in the 2H and OSU rolled.

† Ohio St 23 Cincy 19 - Largest crowd in UC history w/67,000 in Paul Brown Stadium. UC drove 80 yds for a TD and added a 44 yd FG, 9-0. They missed a 49 yd FG. OSU drove 61 yds for a TD and UC added a 49 yd FG, 12-7 at half. OSU drove 36 yds for a TD but UC drove 68 yds for a TD to lead 19-14. OSU settled for a 24 yd FG, 19-17. UC was int'd in the EZ. UC fmbl'd on their own 47 and OSU needed 10 plays for a Krenzel TD run w/3:44 left. UC got down to the 15. After 2 dropped TD passes, Guidugli's 4th down pass was tipped in the air and int'd.

OHIO ST 45 Indiana 17 - IU started as many frosh (8) as Jr & Sr's combined. OSU drove 50 yds for a TD but IU got a 49 yd FG. OSU drove 45 yds for a TD but IU answered w/ an 80 yd TD drive. OSU drove 45 yds for a TD, 21-10 at half. OSU drove 86 & 18 yds (after a blk'd punt) for TD's. They added a 51 yd FG, 38-10. IU was SOD at the OSU 12 and OSU drove 88 yds for a TD, 45-10. IU converted on 3rd & 10 and on 4th & 4 got a 30 yd TD pass w/3:04 left.

Ohio St 27 N'WESTERN 16 - NW came in all'g 522 ypg but at the half each tm had 10 FD's and OSU had a slim 234-215 yd edge. NW led 6-0 on a pair of short FG's before OSU's 65 yd TD drive. NW reclaimed the lead w/a 37 yd FG w/ 5:20 left. OSU got a TD w/2:40 left and OSU led 14-9 at the half. OSU drove for a 41 yd FG to open the 3Q. OSU drove 79 yds for a TD, 24-9. NW answered w/an 89 yd TD, 24-16 after 3Q's. OSU nailed an early 4Q FG from 30 yds and NW fmbl'd their final drive.

OHIO ST 50 San Jose St 7 - OSU led 24-7 at half but SJS had a 36 yd FG bounce off the upright, was SOD at the OSU 32, fmbl'd at the OSU 24 and 23. In the 3Q OSU scored 17 pts and added 45 and 39 yd TD drives in the 4Q behind the bkups. OSU took over w/8:08 left and went 50 yds but took a knee at the SJS 5.

Ohio St 19 WISCONSIN 14 - Clarett got a 49 yd TD pass, 7-0. UW got a 41 yd TD run to tie. OSU got a 27 yd FG, 10-7. UW took over w/4:10 left in the half Sorgi hit a 42 yd TD pass for the lead, 14-13 at the half. After a scoreless 3Q OSU drove 88 yds for a TD, 19-14 (2 ptng). UW punted w/4:29 left and OSU was able to run out the clock.

OHIO ST 13 Penn St 7 - OSU lost Clarlett on the 4th run and he wouldn't return. Chris Gamble became the 1st OSU player S/'63 to start on both sides of the ball. PSU's 2nd poss was an 80 yd TD drive, 7-0. For the game PSU had just 8 FD's and 179 ttl yds. OSU got a 37 yd FG and trailed 7-3 at half. Gamble int'd a pass & ret'd it 39 yds for a TD less than 2:00 into the 2H. OSU added a 71 yd drive for a 37 yd FG, 13-7.

OHIO ST 34 Minnesota 3 - UM led 3-0 until OSU got a 50 yd pass and a 5 yd TD run w/5:59 left in the half. After a blk'd punt OSU took over on the 14 and added a 37 yd FG, 10-3. UM's P slipped after a bad snap and OSU went 14 yds for a TD. OSU added a 33 yd FG and went 53 yds for a TD, 27-3. UM was SOD at the OSU 23 and OSU drove 77 yds in 10 plays for a TD w/6:29 left. UM had just 7 FD's.

Ohio St 10 PURDUE 6 - Late in the 1Q PU got a tipped pass for an int at the OSU 23 and nailed a 21 yd FG, 3-0. OSU got an int w/3:21 left in the half and got a 22 yd FG w/no time left to tie it. The D's controlled the 2H until PU drove 62 yds for a 32 yd FG w/7:50 left, 6-3. On 3rd & 14 OSU got a 13 yd pass setting up a 4th & 1. Krenzel audibled for a pass and w/plenty of pressure around, stepped in the pocket and threw a 37 yd TD pass w/1:36 left.

Ohio St 23 ILLINOIS 16 (OT) - OSU hit 2 FG's but K Nugent missed his 1st FG of the yr, a 37 yd'r. IL drove 72 yds for a FG w/:31 left 1H, 6-3. IL got a 51 yd PR setting up a 19 yd TD pass for a 10-6 3Q lead but OSU quickly answered w/a 50 yd TD pass, 13-10. IL fmbl'd at the OSU 18. IL went 44 yds for a FG to tie. OSU drove 43 yds for a FG, 16-13. OSU drove 66 yds but missed a 41 yd FG w/2:17 left. IL nailed a 48 yd FG on the gm's final play. OSU got a TD but IL, after getting a FD at the 11, had 2 close unc's in the EZ ruled OOB.

OHIO ST 14 Michigan 9 - In the 1H UM settled for 36, 35 and 22 yd FG's. OSU had a 76 yd drive for a TD and trailed 9-7 at the half. The 3Q was scoreless. OSU drove 57 yds for a TD w/4:55 left, 14-9. UM was driving but Navarre was sk'd & fmbl'd w/2:00 left at the OSU 35. OSU punted w/1:08 left and UM drove but was int'd just short of the EZ as the clock expired and OSU earned their Fiesta Bowl berth.

OHIO ST BUCKEYES

2005 BIG 10 RECRUITMENT RANKING: 3
2005 NATIONAL RANK: 9

2005 NEWCOMERS

Andre Amos PS#59WR 6-1 180 Middletown HS/Middletown, OH. 4.45 speed. 32" vertical jump. Played in Ohio North-South All-Star game. Big 33 game (Ohio vs Pennsylvania) invitee. WR/DB who caught 35 passes for 500 yards with 7 TD's while making seven interceptions as a Senior.

Alex Boone PS#2OL 6-8 315 St Edward HS/ Lakewood, OH. 5.1 speed. USA Today and Parade 1st Team All-American. Played in both the US Army All-American and Ohio North-South All-Star games. Two-time 1st Team All-Ohio selection who totalled more than 50 knockdown blocks as a Senior. Committed to Ohio St in summer of 2003.

Jlm Cordle PS#24OL 6-5 275 Lancaster HS/ Lancaster, OH. Enrolled in January '05 and here for spring. 5.1 speed. 350 bench. Two-time 1st Team All-Ohio player who is expected to figure into OG rotation in '05.

Todd Denlinger PS#23DL 6-3 265 Troy HS/Troy, OH. 4.71 speed. 350 bench. 28" VL. Ohio North-South All-Star game and also selected for Big 33 game. All-Ohio player who had 60 tackles, 13 tackles for loss and 7 sacks as a Senior.

Brian Hartline PS#44WR 6-3 180 GlenOak HS/ N Canton, OH. 4.4 speed. 33" vertical jump. Selected for Big 33 All-Star game. Broken leg in 2Q of opener as a Senior. Ohio 2005 prep champion in 110m and 300m hurdles. All-District as a Junior QB/WR. Threw for 300 yards in first 4 games before switching to WR where he caught 41 passes for 411 yards.

Malcolm Jenkins PS#72WR 6-1 180 Piscataway HS/Piscataway, NJ. 4.43 speed. 32" vertical jump. Invited to NY-NJ Governor's Bowl All-Star game. All-New Jersey at DB as a Senior. Had 72 tackles and 9 int in his last 2 years of HS. As a WR caught 45 passes for 678 yards and 8 TD's in '03-04.

James Laurinaitis PS#74LB 6-3 231 Wayzata HS/ Hamel, MN. Minnesota's Defensive Mr. Football as a Senior after piling up 193 tackles, 28 tackles for loss and 5 sacks. Captain of hockey team.

Freddie Lenix PS#42LB 6-0 193 Glenville HS/ Cleveland, OH. 4.4 speed. Will grayshirt and enroll in January '06. Ohio North-South All-Star game participant. 1st Team All-Ohio selection who compiled 85 tackles and 2 interceptions as a Senior. Sprinter on 2005 state champion track team who finished #2 in Ohio 200m (21.75) and #4 100m (10.99).

Jamario O'Neal PS#9DB 6-1 180 Glenville HS/ Cleveland, OH. 4.4 speed. Parade All-American. Played in Ohio North-South and US Army All-American All-Star games. 1st Team All-Ohio with 65 tackles, 3 interceptions and 3 sacks as a Senior. Sprinter who was a member of 2 state champion relay teams. Committed to Ohio St in February of 2003

Brian Robiskie PS#49WR 6-3 190 Chagrin Falls HS/Cleveland, OH. 4.52 speed. Played in Ohio North-South All-Star game. 1st Team All-Ohio laurels last year after nabbing 47 passes for 754 yards and 12 TD's. Sprinter on track who finished #2 in Ohio 400 as a Senior. Son of former Cleveland Browns interim HC Terry Robiskie.

Anderson Russell PS#168RB 6-0 190 Marist HS/Atlanta, GA. 4.44 speed. Named 1 of Georgia's Top 50 players by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*. RB/DB who rushed for 758 yards and scored 14 TD's as a Senior in a wishbone offense.

Rob Schoenhoft PS#12QB 6-6 225 St Xavier HS/ Mason, OH. Threw for 179 yards in the Ohio North-South All-Star game. Invited to Elite 11 QB camp. Threw for 1,159 yards with a 13-3 ratio as a Senior, despite playing in just 8 games.

Austin Spitler PS#121LB 6-3 228 Bellbrook HS/ Bellbrook, OH. 365 bench. 500 squat. Ohio North-South All-Star game participant. 1st Team All-Ohio player who made 132 tackles, 11 tackles for loss and 7 sacks as a Senior.

Donald Washington PS#62WR 6-1 185 Franklin Central HS/Indy, IN. 4.5 speed. 38" vertical jump. Recruited as a DB but caught 45 passes for 800 yards and 10 TD's at WR in '04. On defense made 67 tackles and 4 interceptions. Two time state long jump champion.

Maurice Wells PS#11RB 5-10 185 Sandalwood HS/Jacksonville, FL. 4.44 speed. Parade All-American. US Army All-American All-Star game participant. Rushed for 1,908 yards and 18 TD's in injury shortened Senior season. Led Florida with 3,076 yards while scoring 31 TD's as a Junior.

Ryan Williams PS#59DL 6-6 245 Mission Viejo HS/MV, CA. 4.73 speed. 36" vertical jump. Invited to Orange County All-Star game. Got 4 sacks as a Senior. Had 75 tackles and 6 sacks as a Junior.

Lawrence Wilson PS#52DL 6-6 225 St Vincent-St Mary HS/Akron, OH 4.6 speed. 36" vertical jump, 300 bench, 600 squat. Played in Ohio North South All-Star game. 1st Team All-Ohio selection as a Senior when he had 10 sacks.

DE Doug Worthington PS#12LB 6-7 250 St Francis HS/Athol Springs, NY 4.75 speed. 320 bench. Parade All-American. Invited to NY-NJ Governor's Bowl All-Star

NFL DRAFT

2005

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	47	Mike Nugent	K	NY Jets
3	80	Dustin Fox	CB	Minnesota
3	101	Maurice Clarett	RB	Denver

2004

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	18	Will Smith	DE	New Orleans
1	28	Chris Gamble	CB	Carolina
1	29	Michael Jenkins	WR	Atlanta
3	68	Ben Hartsock	TE	Indianapolis
3	74	Tim Anderson	DT	Buffalo
3	87	B.J. Sander	P	Green Bay
3	88	Darrion Scott	DE	Minnesota
4	100	Alex Stepanovich	C	Arizona
4	111	Will Allen	SS	Tampa Bay
5	148	Craig Krenzel	QB	Chicago
5	163	Drew Carter	WR	Carolina
5	165	Robert Reynolds	LB	Tennessee
7	209	Shane Olivea	OT	San Diego
7	227	Adrien Clarke	OG	Philadelphia

2003

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	58	Mike Doss	SS	Indianapolis
3	79	Kenny Peterson	DT	Green Bay
3	86	Cie Grant	LB	New Orleans
4	112	Matt Wilhelm	LB	San Diego
5	154	Donnie Nickey	FS	Tennessee

2002

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	44	LeCharles Bentley	C	New Orleans
3	75	Derek Ross	CB	Dallas
4	99	Jonathan Wells	RB	Houston
4	122	Darnell Sanders	TE	Cleveland
4	129	Jamar Martin	FB	Dallas
5	167	Courtland Bullard	LB	St Louis
6	179	Tyson Walter	C	Dallas
6	205	Steve Bellisari	DB	St Louis

2001

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	21	Nate Clements	CB	Buffalo
1	29	Ryan Pickett	NT	St Louis
6	181	Rodney Bailey	DE	Pittsburgh
7	214	Reggie Germany	WR	Buffalo
7	228	Derek Combs	CB	Oakland
7	229	Ken-Yon Rambo	WR	Oakland

2000

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	24	Ahmed Plummer	CB	San Francisco
4	98	Na'il Diggs	LB	Green Bay
4	126	Gary Berry	FS	Green Bay
5	144	Michael Wiley	RB	Dallas
7	223	James Cotton	DE	Chicago
7	228	Kevin Houser	C	New Orleans

1999

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	8	David Boston	WR	Arizona
1	23	Antoine Winfield	CB	Buffalo
1	28	Andy Katzenmoyer	LB	New England
2	49	Joe Montgomery	RB	NY Giants
4	101	Joe Germaine	QB	St Louis
4	128	Damon Moore	SS	Philadelphia
6	192	Brent Bartholomew	P	Miami
6	196	Dee Miller	WR	Green Bay

1998

None

1997

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	1	Orlando Pace	OT	St Louis
1	3	Shawn Springs	CB	Seattle
2	33	Rob Kelly	FS	New Orleans
3	84	Ty Howard	CB	Arizona
3	91	Mike Vrabel	LB	Pittsburgh
4	129	Nicky Sualua	RB	Dallas
6	189	Matt Finkes	LB	Carolina

1996

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	7	Terry Glenn	WR	New England
1	9	Rickey Dudley	TE	Oakland
1	14	Eddie George	RB	Houston
3	85	Bobby Hoying	QB	Philadelphia

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES PAST HISTORIES

2004 ALAMO BOWL OHIO ST 33 OKLAHOMA ST 7

Ohio St was playing w/o QB Smith (susp) so Zwick reclaimed his starting job. The Bucks got an int on the 3rd play of the game which resulted in a Zwick to Gonzalez 23 yd TD pass, 7-0. The Bucks then got a 37 yd FG, 10-0. OkSt QB Woods saw the ball slip out of his hands at midfield for a fmbl and the Bucks drove 30 yds in 5 plays for a 35 yd FG, 13-0. The Buckeyes drove 78 yds in 4 plays (20-0), thanks to a spectacular run by Ted Ginn on a screen pass for a 42 yd gain. Ohio St added a 41 yd FG with 4:19 left in the half, 23-0. Ohio St drove 95 yds in 9 plays for a TD with 8:13 left in the 3Q, 30-0. The Bucks went on a 15 play drive but settled for a 36 yd FG with 10:44 left. The Buckeyes had a 297-197 yd edge at this point, and while the Bucks D wanted the shutout, OkSt drove 80 yds in 8 plays for a TD with 7:29 left and neither recorded a FD after that.

2003 FIESTA BOWL OHIO ST 35 KANSAS ST 28

This was a battle between two Top 10 teams as the Buckeyes came in ranked #7 and the Wildcats #10. Ohio State came in with the NCAA's #1 ranked run defense and they held RB Sproles to a season low 38 yds on 13 carries and Kansas State only totalled 84 yds rushing. The Buckeyes blocked a punt returning it 7 yds for a TD, had a 6 yd TD pass, then after an interception, hit a 17 yd TD pass for a 21-0 lead. The Wildcats had a 70 yd drive getting a Sproles 6 yd TD run with 3:01 left, 21-7 at the half. KSU got a 14 yd Roberson TD run but OSU answered with a 74 yd TD drive then a 31 yd TD pass, 35-14 after 3Q. KSU had a 46 yd TD drive early 4Q and a 1 yd TD run with 2:47 left to close to within 7. KSU recovered the onside kick but were offsides giving the ball to OSU. They did get the ball back at their 10 with 1:12 left and would get to midfield but a final pass was batted away at the 2 and the Buckeyes got the victory, although the Wildcats won the yardage battle 378-337.

2002 FIESTA BOWL OHIO ST 31 MIAMI, FL 24 (2 OT)

Ohio St, who were nearly a 12 pt underdog, worked two OT's to rip the National Championship from Miami in what many call the greatest football game ever. Miami had the only score of the 1Q with a Roscoe Parrish 25 yd TD rec from QB Ken Dorsey. OSU came back with 2 TD's in the 2Q with a 1 yd TD run by Craig Krenzel and a 7 yd run by Maurice Clarrett and it was 14-7 at the half. In the 3Q, each team exchanged scores with an OSU 44 yd Mike Nugent FG and UM had a 9 yd Willis McGahee TD run, 17-14. Miami nailed a 40 yd FG as time expired to send the game into OT. Trailing 24-17 in the 1st OT, OSU converted on 4th & 14 on a pass by Krenzel. Facing another 4th down at the 5, UM was called for pass interference. Three plays later Krenzel scored from 1 yd out. In the 2nd OT, the Bucks struck first on a 5 play drive capped off by a Clarrett spinning and slithering cutback thru UM's def and the 5 yd TD run and OSU pulled out the 31-24 win.

2001 OUTBACK BOWL S CAROLINA 31 OHIO ST 28

Ohio State had a 21-17 FD edge and a 388-347 total yard edge in the game but South Carolina pulled out the win on a 42 yd FG as time expired. The 1Q was scoreless. S Car got on the board first on a 1 yd TD run by Andrew Pinnock, 7-0 with 12:37 left in the 2Q. S Car drove 63 yds in 9 plays for a TD with 6:54 left in the 1H, 14-0 at the half. In the 3Q, S Car QB Phil Petty threw a 50 yd TD pass to Andrea Gause to lead 21-0. S Car drove 93 yds in 10 plays for a 10 yd TD run by Pinnock, 28-0. Then OSU woke up and drove 77 yds in 12 plays for a TD on the last play of the 3Q, 28-7. OSU drove 59 yds in 7 plays and QB Steve Bellisari threw a 16 yd TD pass, 28-14. OSU added two more 4Q TD's to tie the game with 1:54 left. With less than :30 left in the game, S Car's Sheldon Brown intercepted Bellisari and returned the int 37 yds to the OSU 29 yd line. S Car ran down the clock and kicked the game-winner with no time left.

2000 OUTBACK BOWL S CAROLINA 24 OHIO ST 7

This was S Carolina's 1st bowl game under Lou Holtz and only their 2nd bowl win in school history. S Car RB Ryan Brewer, who is an Ohio native, was named the MVP with 109 yds rushing and 92 rec yds, scoring all 3 TD's in the win. S Car only led 3-0 at the half on a 23 yarder. S Car got a 7 yd TD run by Brewer in the 3Q following a fumble by OSU QB Steve Bellisari, 10-0. OSU drove 66 yds and OG Mike Gurr recovered a fumble in the end zone by RB Jonathan Wells for a TD, 10-7 after 3Q's. SC drove 43 yds in 4 plays & S Car QB Phil Petty hit a 28 yd TD pass to Brewer, 17-7 with 14:17 left in the game. S Car drove 45 yds in 12 plays and Ryan Brewer scored his 3rd TD from 2 yds out with 6:11 left in the game. South Carolina had a 393-258 yd edge in the game and OSU had 3 turnovers while S Car only had 1.

OHIO ST DRAFT FACTS:

As you can tell by the cart above, the Bucks have been popular draft picks. In the last 10 years, they have had no less than 61 players including 14 1st rounders. Of the 61, 31 have been on defense (over half), 3 on special teams and 28 on offense. From 1996-2003, they have had only 4 offensive linemen selected but 3 had pegged in 2004. 31 of the 61 were on the 1st day (1,2 & 3 round). In 2004 the Bucks set 9 records by having 14 players selected in the 7 round draft (most ever by any school). They have had 3 QB's and 7 WR's drafted in the last 10 years but the school known for players such as Jack Tatum and Michael Doss has had 16 DB's selected in that span, also.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2005

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Brad Banks simply led the NCAA and set a school record in pass efficiency with a super 26-5 ratio while also rushing for 519 gross yards, the most by a Hawks QB since 1976. JUCO Nathan Chandler (6-7 250) was a prototypical dropback QB and beat out Jason Manson (PS#50), who is a Banks-type QB for the starting job in the spring of 2003. Chandler fared better than expected throwing for 2,040 yards (53.7%) with an 18-10 ratio while rushing for 348. The backup in 2003 was not Manson but Drew Tate (PS#18) a true frosh who played in six games and threw for 55 yards while rushing for 46. Tate set Texas HS passing records throwing for 12,180 yards and 113 TD's and reminds many of Drew Brees. Tate took command of the job in spring '04. Manson (6-1 195 Jr) broke his foot, so the backup QB was Eric McCollom (PS#80) who is the best athlete and has the strongest arm of the QB's. In the opener, Tate had 10 straight completions but spent the 2H hooked up to an IV due to cramping and McCollom hit 5 of 8 for 87 yards with a 33 yard run. With an inexperienced O-line and a banged up backfield, Tate struggled vs Ariz St hitting just 8 of 19 for 44 yards. He had a solid game against Michigan and then vs Mich St became the first Iowa QB to top 300 yards passing in 50 games when he hit 25 of 36 for 340 yards. With Iowa ranking #117 in the NCAA in rushing, Tate took the team on his shoulders throwing for 2,786 yards (62%) with a 20-14 ratio while rushing for 220 gross yards (-76 net). He was voted team Off MVP and 1st Tm Big 10. McCollom opted to move to WR so besides Manson they have Cy Phillips (6-6 227 Sr, PS#64) and true frosh VHT Jake Christensen. I expect Iowa to run the ball more this year, so Tate may not top last year's ypg but he should improve in his second season as a starter.

QB Drew Tate

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Fred Russell (PS#47) became just the 10th Iowa back to top 1,000 yards in a season rushing for 1,264 yards (5.7). He was a powerful back with 4.28 speed. In 2003 he rushed for 1,355 yards (4.8) and opted to turn pro early. Jermelle Lewis (PS#15) had some fumble and academic problems early in his career but rushed for 709 yards (5.8) in 2002 missing most of 2003 with injury. VHT true frosh Albert Young (PS#14) broke a fibula in August of 2003 and redshirted. The unit appeared to be in decent shape in 2004 although they had to replace both Russell and their starting FB. It turned out to be the most banged up RB corps in the country. Over the summer Iowa lost JC transfer Cory Mack (dismissed) and true frosh Shonn Greene (5-11 210 Fr, PS#75, DNQ). Projected starting FB AJ Johnson (PS#34) was suspended for the season. Former walk-on Marcus Schnoor started vs Kent (Lewis susp opener) but tore his ACL. Young went down with a torn ACL in Wk 2. The team had moved Champ Davis to TE but moved him back to FB vs Ariz St. He played TB vs Illinois but tore his ACL then Lewis went down with a torn ACL after gaining 49 yards vs Mich St. Marques Simmons (PS#29) was the starter vs Ohio St but sprained his ankle and missed 4 games. That left sixth string walk-on RB Sam Brownlee as the feature back vs Ohio St where he had 35 yards and would lead the team in rushing in each of the next three weeks. FB Aaron Mickens (10 st) led the team in rushing twice. They even took the redshirt off of true frosh Damian Sims. Brownlee led the team with 227 yards which was the lowest rushing total for a #1 rusher here since 1937 when stadium namesake Nile Kinnick led the team with 214 yards in just 8 games. Not listed in the 2 deep are Schnoor (6-1 198 Sr, 1 st, 315 yds 3Y), FB Paul Wilson (5-11 242 Sr) and FB Kevin Sherlock (5-11 231 Sr). This year everyone returns except for Lewis and Mickens and they also add some VHT true frosh. This should be one of the most improved RB corps in the country.

RECEIVERS - The Hawkeyes had to replace three of their top four receivers LY, and the leading returnee (Calvin Davis) did not even make the 2 deep at the beginning of the year. Davis was then lost for the season (5 rec) midyear with inj. Clinton Solomon, who missed 2003 due to academics, emerged as the top receiver with 905 yards (15.6) and Ed Hinkel (PS#62) led the team in rec's with 63 (11.8) including his great one-handed grab against Michigan. This year the only losses are WR Warren Holloway (12 st, 29 rec) who caught the game winning TD pass vs ISU, WR James Townsend (3 rec, 27.3, sitting out '05) and TE Tony Jackson (#6DC SEA, 12 st, 7 rec). Not listed in the 2 deep are Andy Brodell (6-3 185 rFr, PS#79), Chris Aldrich (6-2 183 So), Kennon Christian (6-2 205 So), Tyler Fanucchi (5-10 187 So) and TE's Michael Sabers (6-5 240 rFr, PS#29) and Brandon Myers (6-4 238 rFr). NFL scouts will be watching Solomon closely this year. They add some VHT's and this group is much more experienced than LY.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Kirk Ferentz was an OL coach in the NFL which means this unit is always one of his top priorities. In 2002 he developed what was arguably the best OL in the NCAA and the unit which featured 4 eventual NFL DC's paved the way for 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 13 sacks. Four starters departed in 2003 but they did return outstanding LT Robert Gallery. The ypc dropped as expected to 4.2 and the sacks increased to 24. Last year Gallery (#1DC), two starters and a backup departed. The O-line was banged up and struggled mightily thanks in part to a RB corps that was decimated by injuries as they opened holes for just 2.0 ypc rushing while allowing 40 sacks. This year they must replace RT Peter McMahon (#6DC OAK, 12 st, 2 yr st'r), LG Jacob Bowers (4 gms) and LT Lee Gray (6-6 310 Sr, PS#69TE) who will miss the year after knee surgery. Seven of the top 10 return and all 7 have starting experience plus they add Marshal Yanda (PS#65JC) who was in for the spring, a VHT rFr and the top crop of true frosh OL's in the country. This will be a much improved line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 Iowa allowed just 2.5 ypc rushing while recording 34 sacks. Last year they had to replace two top-notch starters and three backups, but did have DE Matt Roth and DT Jonathan Babineaux returning. Roth was 1st Tm Big 10 with 8 sacks, 7 tfl. Babineaux was 2nd Tm Big 10 with 11 sacks, 14 tfl. Overall Iowa allowed just 2.8 ypc rushing while recording 30 sacks. Not only must they replace both Roth (#2DC MIA) and Babineaux (#2DC ATL) but also DT Tyler Luebke (12 st, 57 tkl) and DE Derreck Robinson (12 st, 47 tkl, 9 tfl). While all four backups return, they combined for just 12 tackles. The Hawks had one of the top defensive fronts in the NCAA last year but this year 7 of the top 8 are underclassmen including true frosh Tyler Blum (PS#5TE).

LINEBACKERS - Last year Iowa returned their top two tacklers in Abdul Hodge and Chad Greenway who earned 1st and 2nd Tm Big 10 honors respectively in 2003 but had to replace their starting OLB. This year they are in the exact same situation as Hodge and Greenway both return but this time the top two tacklers both earned 1st Tm Big 10 honors. The only loss from this group is OLB George Lewis (10 st, 43 tkl). The backups did not play a lot last year with the exception of OLB Edmond Miles (2 sts, 24 tkl). Zachary Gabelmann (6-1 227 Jr), Tyler Bergan (5-11 215 So, 6 tkl), Bret Chinander (5-11 228 Sr) and Jordan McLaughlin (6-0 220 rFr) are also in the mix. This remains one of the top LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Iowa finished #21 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and #22 in 2003. Last year they only had to replace one starter and despite the D being so tough to run against, they allowed just 201.3 ypg (55.2%) with an outstanding 15-17 ratio to rank #25. This year the only losses to the group are FS Sean Considine (#4DC PHI, 10 st, 46 tkl, 3 int, 7 pbu, HM B10) who missed two games with injury, CB Chigozie Ejiasi (8 tkl) and CB Walner Belleus (9 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep are Adolphus Shelton (5-10 188 Sr, PS#194), Khaliq Price (6-2 198 Jr) and Richey Williams (5-10 177 Sr). This unit is even more experienced in 2005.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Iowa has had outstanding special teams play the last three years finishing #2 in both 2002 and 2003. Last year they had to replace Lou Groza Winner Nate Kaeding (#3 DC SD) who hit 20 of 21 with a long of 55 in '03. They also had to replace all of their top returnmen. P David Bradley improved his net from 32.6 in 2001 to 37.0 in 2002 and 37.4 in 2003. Last year the number did drop a little to 35.9. Their top PR was Ed Hinkel (11.8) with Walner Belleus averaging 17.0 on PR's and 18.0 in KR's. Belleus opted to transfer in February. K Kyle Schlicher (PS#7) connected on a school record tying 21 out of 26 attempts but hit just 3 of 7 from 40+. He had 22 TB's on 67 KO's. The Hawks have blocked nine punts the last two years and 13 the last four. Overall Iowa finished #18 and despite having to replace Bradley, will likely finish near the top again.

COACHES - Kirk Ferentz is doing a tremendous job and was named the Big 10 Coach of the Year in 2002 then again in 2004 and was the AP National Coach of the Year in 2002 as well. He enters his 7th season here and in 2002 led the team to its first Big 10 Title since 1990 as well as the most wins in school history. NFL scouts have a great deal of respect for the coaching staff here calling it one of the Top 10 in the country. The OC is Ken O'Keefe who enters his 7th year in that position. DC Norm Parker enters his 7th year. Parker was named the SEC DC of the Year in '97 while at Vandy. Parker was a finalist for the 2004 Broyles Award. DL coach Ron Aiken was named the 2002 AFCA Div I Asst Coach of the Year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kirk Ferentz has led Iowa to twenty Big 10 wins, the most ever here in a 3 year span. Ferentz got off to a slow start as he was just 2-18 in his first 20 games at the helm but won 2 of the L/3 games in 2000 and is 40-13 after that rough start. The Hawkeyes bagged their 3rd straight double digit win season and top ten finish. The 2002 team went undefeated vs the Big 10 but played in the Orange Bowl and finished #8 and despite being outFD'd 102-66 in their first four Big 10 games. In 2003 they slipped to 5-3 in Big 10 play and in the final 2 games were outFD'd 46-24 but managed to pull both out and got their first January win since 1959 when they upset Florida in the Outback Bowl. Last year they had just 9 starters back and the O-line looked to be a weak spot. They also had a tough Big 10 schedule as they did not get to play either Indy or N'western and suffered massive injuries at the RB position. The Hawks did struggle early getting a close win vs Iowa St and then getting destroyed by Ariz St on the road avoiding the shutout with an 83 yard PR TD on the last play and being outgained 511-100. They lost to Michigan the next week to fall to a shaky 2-2 when they turned things around by thrashing Mich St and OSU in Iowa City. They beat the Bucks in Kinnick for the first time since 1983 and finished with a 448-177 yard edge. They got past Penn St 6-4 on the road and battled Purdue's backup QB who had 4 turnovers with Iowa also blocking 2 FG's in that 2 point win. Minny missed a 51 yard FG with :28 left and the Gophers lost despite a 337-6 yd rushing edge. Iowa defeated Wisky 30-7 to claim a share of the B10 Title. LSU got a TD with :46 left to apparently beat Iowa in the bowl, but the Hawks answered with their own TD with no time left on a 56 yard pass for their 10th win. Iowa has an 18 game home win streak and this year's team will be much stronger on offense as the RB's should be healthier, the O-line is vastly improved and QB Drew Tate is one of the top QB's in the country. The defensive back 7 is outstanding, but the defensive front loses all 4 starters all of whom will be in NFL training camps in August. Iowa has to play OSU, Purdue and Wisky all on the road TY, but this team is capable of a 4th straight double digit win season.

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KIRK FERENTZ (Career 42-31) (Div IAA 12-21)
7th Year at Iowa
Ferentz's SU Bowl Record: 3-1

2004 RECORD: (10-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (19,22,3)
Lost: 18 (10,7,1)

2004 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 70,397

	HC	OC	DC
2004	Kirk Ferentz	Ken O'Keefe	Norm Parker
2003	Kirk Ferentz	Ken O'Keefe	Norm Parker
2002	Kirk Ferentz	Ken O'Keefe	Norm Parker
2001	Kirk Ferentz	Ken O'Keefe	Norm Parker
2000	Kirk Ferentz	Ken O'Keefe	Norm Parker
1999	Kirk Ferentz	Ken O'Keefe	Norm Parker
1998	Hayden Fry	Don Patterson	Bole Elliot
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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2005 Schedule Difficulty-#43

Date	Opponent	TURF	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp
Sep. 3	Ball St	G		
Sep. 10	at Iowa St	G		
Sep. 17	Northern Iowa	G		
Sep. 24	at Ohio St	G		
Oct. 1	Illinois (HC)	G		
Oct. 8	at Purdue	G		
Oct. 15	Indiana	G		
Oct. 22	Michigan	G		
Oct. 29				
Nov. 5	at Northwestern	G		
Nov. 12	at Wisconsin	A		
Nov. 19	Minnesota	G		
Nov. 26				

WR Ed Hinkel

LAST 7 YEARS BIG 10 RANKINGS

	Big 10 Record	Finished	Total OFF	Total DEF	Avg Score in Big 10 Play
2004	7-1	#1 (T)	322	290	24.9-15.6
2003	5-3	#4 (T)	323	325	24.8-20.0
2002	8-0	#1 (T)	405	332	37.8-16.3
2001	4-4	#4 (T)	388	326	32.9-25.8
2000	3-5	#8	316	442	18.5-26.3
1999	0-8	#11	321	474	15.1-36.0
1998	2-6	#7 (T)	237	413	14.3-28.1

TOP 5 CAREER RECORD LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
1. Chuck Long 10,461	1. Sedrick Shaw 4,156	1. Tim Dwight 2,271
2. Chuck Hartlieb 6,934	2. Ladell Betts 3,686	2. Danan Hughes 2,216
3. Matt Rodgers 6,725	3. Tavian Banks 2,977	3. Ronnie Harmon 2,045
4. Matt Sherman 6,399	4. Fred Russell 2,760	4. Kevin Kasper 1,974
5. Kyle McCann 4,349	5. Tony Stewart 2,562	5. Dave Moritz 1,912

LAST 10 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	OPPONENT	SCORE
91	Holiday	BYU	13-13
93	Alamo	California	3-37
95	Sun	Washington	38-18
96	Alamo	Texas Tech	27-0
97	Sun	Arizona St	7-17
01	Alamo	Texas Tech	19-16
02	Orange	USC	17-38
03	Outback	Florida	37-17
04	Capital One	LSU	30-25

Iowa's All-Time SU Bowl Record 11-8-1

Last 6 Big 10 Titles
2004 1985
2002 1981
1990 1960

AP/Cch/UPI Nat'l Champs
None

STADIUM: KINNICK STADIUM (70,397)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	10 Yr Total
Record	7-4	8-3	7-4	3-8	1-10	3-9	6-5	11-1	9-3	9-2	64-49
Home	4-2	4-2	6-0	2-4	1-5	2-4	5-1	6-1	7-0	6-0	43-19
Away	3-2	4-1	1-4	1-4	0-5	1-5	1-4	5-0	2-3	3-2	21-30

IOWA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 10 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
2	24.3	17	73	2.0	240	62.1	12.8	+13	2004	7	17.6	17	93	2.8	201	55.2	16.7
4	28.7	17	173	4.2	161	53.4	11.6	+4	2003	7	16.2	17	93	2.5	222	55.6	19.5
6	37.2	21	214	5.0	210	58.0	11.4	+15	2002	5	19.7	22	82	2.6	273	56.1	18.0
8*	32.6	20	175	4.3	218	65.0	12.1	0	2001	8	21.5	18	117	3.2	208	55.2	15.1
6*	16.9	17	91	2.7	215	56.9	18.1	-3	2000	6	27.5	22	194	4.5	247	56.7	16.0
6*	14.7	16	94	3.0	207	53.7	20.4	-5	1999	4	31.5	23	245	5.0	218	56.4	14.7
4	15.6	16	81	2.2	186	50.5	17.1	-1	1998	6	26.1	19	187	4.4	212	53.4	15.3
7*	34.3	18	217	5.0	189	52.8	11.8	+8	1997	7	13.3	15	119	3.0	156	44.9	20.8
7*	28.3	18	180	4.1	177	57.3	12.6	+10	1996	7	20.3	17	141	3.6	167	45.5	16.0
5	30.7	222	199	4.3	218	57.0	13.6	0	1995	8	21.6	18	128	3.4	208	52.5	15.6

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Sam Brownlee	94	262	35	227	0	2.4
Jermelle Lewis	57	230	30	200	1	3.5
Marques Simmons	51	197	3	194	3	3.8
Aaron Mickens	42	134	7	127	1	3.0
Albert Young	27	95	3	92	2	3.4
Drew Tate	89	220	296	-76	2	-0.9
Damian Sims	17	56	11	45	0	2.6
Tom Busch	12	28	2	26	1	2.2
Marcus Schnoor	6	26	1	25	0	4.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Drew Tate	375	233	62.1	2786	20	14
Eric McCollom	8	5	62.5	87	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Clinton Solomon	59	905	15.6	6	57
Ed Hinkel	63	744	11.8	7	43
Scott Chandler	24	324	13.5	2	46
Warren Holloway	29	283	9.8	1	56
Jermelle Lewis	8	109	13.6	0	28
Aaron Mickens	15	85	5.7	0	14
Tony Jackson	7	82	11.7	1	24
James Townsend	3	82	27.3	1	60

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
David Bradley	65	2633	40.5	11	35.9	0	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kyle Schlicher	29-32	11-11	7-8	3-7	0-0	21-26	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Abdul Hodge	116	3	2	4	0
Chad Greenway	113	3	5	5	3
Marcus Paschal	58	0	1	6	2
Tyler Luebke	57	1	2	1	0
Jonathan Babineaux	55	11	14	1	0
Antwan Allen	54	1	0	6	4
Matt Roth	49	8	7	0	0
Derreck Robinson	47	2	7	3	0
Sean Considine	46	0	1	7	3
George Lewis	43	0	3	0	1
Jovon Johnson	41	0	1	3	4
Miguel Merrick	33	0	1	2	0
Edmond Miles	24	2	1	0	0
Adam Shada	13	0	0	0	0
Andrew Becker	11	0	0	0	0
Charles Godfrey	10	0	0	0	0
Walner Belleus	9	0	0	1	0
Chigozie Ejiasi	8	0	0	0	0
Tyler Bergan	6	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ed Hinkel	22	260	11.8	0
Walner Belleus	12	204	17.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Walner Belleus	10	180	18.0	0
Damian Sims	6	122	20.3	0

2004 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Kent St	22	60-214	3.6	18-30	223	4	11	19-(-13)	-0.7	19-36	123	3	+3
Iowa St	16	44-85	1.9	16-22	220	4	16	34-66	1.9	15-30	170	2	-1
at Arizona St	6	27-56	2.1	8-19	44	4	23	34-76	2.2	33-46	435	0	0
at Michigan	16	28-(-15)	-0.5	24-32	270	4	18	39-93	2.4	16-26	236	4	-3
Michigan St	20	27-124	4.6	25-37	340	1	27	36-204	5.7	29-54	245	1	0
Ohio St	24	37-117	3.2	26-39	331	2	12	29-27	0.9	14-26	150	2	+2
at Penn St	10	40-42	1.1	14-31	126	3	6	29-51	1.8	9-28	96	2	+3
at Illinois	19	36-76	2.1	24-34	243	4	16	25-58	2.3	22-42	210	0	+1
Purdue	18	34-43	1.3	25-46	278	3	19	27-52	1.9	27-45	305	6	+4
at Minnesota	18	27-6	0.2	24-39	333	4	20	54-337	6.2	9-17	73	1	+4
Wisconsin	14	39-76	1.9	15-24	186	4	15	30-41	1.4	18-39	145	4	+1
† LSU	16	29-47	1.6	20-32	287	3	19	36-118	3.3	23-35	228	5	-1
TOTALS	199	428-871	2.0	239-385	2881	40	202	392-1110	2.8	234-424	2416	30	+13
AVERAGES	16.6	36-73	2.0	20-32	240	3.3	16.8	33-93	2.8	20-35	201	2.5	1.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Nebraska	7-42 L
at Iowa St	10-17 L
N Illinois	24-0 W
at Michigan St	3-49 L
Penn St	7-31 L
at Northwestern	21-23 L
Indiana	31-38 L
at Ohio St	11-41 L
Illinois	24-40 L
at Wisconsin	3-41 L
Minnesota	21-25 L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
† Kansas St	7-27 L
W Michigan	21-27 L
Iowa St	14-24 L
at Nebraska	13-42 L
at Indiana	33-45 L
Michigan St	21-16 W
at Illinois	0-31 L
Ohio St	10-38 L
Wisconsin	7-13 L
at Penn St	OT 26-23 W
Northwestern	27-17 W
at Minnesota	24-27 L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Kent St	51-0 W
Miami, Oh	44-19 W
Penn St	24-18 W
at Purdue	14-23 L
at Michigan St	28-31 L
Indiana	42-28 W
Michigan	26-32 L
at Wisconsin	28-34 L
at Northwestern	59-16 W
Minnesota	42-24 W
at Iowa St	14-17 L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Akron	57-21 W
at Miami, Oh	29-24 W
Iowa St	31-36 L
Utah St	48-7 W
at Penn St	OT 42-35 W
Purdue	31-28 W
Michigan St	44-16 W
at Indiana	24-8 W
at Michigan	34-9 W
Wisconsin	20-3 W
Northwestern	62-10 W
at Minnesota	45-21 W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Miami, Oh	21-3 W
Buffalo	56-7 W
at Iowa St	40-21 W
Arizona St	21-2 W
at Michigan St	10-20 L
Michigan	30-27 W
at Ohio St	10-19 L
Penn St	26-14 W
Illinois	41-10 W
at Purdue	14-27 L
Minnesota	40-22 W
at Wisconsin	27-21 W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Kent St	39-7 W
Iowa St	17-10 W
at Arizona St	7-44 L
at Michigan	17-30 L
Michigan St	38-16 W
Ohio St	33-7 W
at Penn St	6-4 W
at Illinois	23-13 W
Purdue	23-21 W
at Minnesota	29-27 W
Wisconsin	30-7 W

IOWA 2005 DEPTH CHART

WR Clinton Solomon

OFFENSE

QB
#5 DREW TATE
6-0 185 **PS#18**
12 sts LY, 2786 yds (62%) 20-14 ratio, 220 rush yds. 101 total yds in 6 gms as #2 QB as true. TX's career HS passing leader.
#16 JASON MANSON
6-1 195 **PS#50**
2 gms LY (missed 4 w/ foot inj). 14 rush yds in 2 gms as #3 QB as rFr.

RB
#33 MARQUES SIMMONS SR.
5-8 202 **PS#29**
194 yds (inj) in 6 gms LY. Transferred from Nebraska in '03. 56 rush yds as rFr. 10.26 100m.
#28 DAMIAN SIMS SO.
5-9 185 **PS#114DB**
Burned RS for last 7 gms as true due to TB inj's. 45 rush yds, 6 KR (20.3). 4.5 speed.

FB
#35 TOM BUSCH SO.
5-11 231 **PS#46LB**
3 sts, 82 ttl yds as rFr. LB on Scout Team in RS season.
#46 CHAMP DAVIS JR.
6-2 227 **PS#79WR**
8 gms, 23 ttl yds until ACL inj LY. 1st, 5 gms, 63 ttl yds as true until foot inj.

K
#1 KYLE SCHLICHER JR.
5-9 179 **PS#7**
School record 21 FG's on 26 att's but 3-7 from 40+, long 49. 22 TB's on KO's, **HM Big 10** LY. #2 K behind Kaeding 3-3 XP's as rFr. 11-15 L/56 as a HS Sr.

WR
#88 CLINTON SOLOMON SR.
6-3 196 **PS#264QB**
HM Big 10, 58 rec (15.6), 905 yds LY. Att'd JC in '03. 11 rec (11.4) as true. QB in HS.
#22 CALVIN DAVIS JR.
6-1 197 **PS#70**
5 rec (13.8) in 5 gms until inj LY. 23 rec (14.3) as rFr. Indoor track team as true. Iowa HS record in 400m.

WR
#11 ED HINKEL SR.
6-1 190 **PS#62**
HM Big 10, 12 sts, 63 rec (11.8), 22 PR (11.8) LY. 6 sts, 10 rec (10.8) hampered by inj all yr in '03. 22 rec (9.9) as rFr. HS QB.
#7 ERIC MCCOLLOM SO.
6-0 190 **PS#80QB**
Moved to WR in spring. 87 pass yds, 43 gross rush yds at QB LY. Practiced at QB & WR in RS season. SC Mr. Football as HS Sr.

RT
#76 MIKE JONES JR.
6-5 299 **PS#2**
12 sts (10 at LG, 2 at RT), **HM Big 10** LY. L/7 sts at LG as true.
#73 MARSHAL YANDA JR.
6-4 315 **PS#65JC**
Here in spring and can play both OG & OT. 2 time All-Region at JC.

RG
#54 MIKE ELGIN JR.
6-4 277 **PS#224LB**
Moved to RG in spring. 11 sts at C LY. 6 gms as backup C in '03. LB/DE on Scout Tm.
#71 SETH OLSEN rFR.
6-5 297 **PS#47**
Almost lost RS due to inj's LY. 390 bench.

C
#61 BRIAN FERENTZ SR.
6-3 282 **PS#129**
Moved to C in spring. L/8 sts at RG LY. 6 sts at C until inj '03. Torn ACL '02.
#59 BEN CRONIN SR.
6-5 285 **PS#52**
1 st at C, 10 gms, 2nd string LY. 7 gms, 2nd string '03. 2 letters.

LG
#74 DAVID WALKER SR.
6-2 295 **PS#83DL**
500 bench! 1 st until torn pectoral LY. 1st 3 sts until inj '03, 8 gms. Transfer from Auburn.
#63 TODD PLAGMAN SO.
6-5 295 **PS#454**
Former walk-on. 2 sts at LG LY.

LT
#75 BEN GATES SR.
6-6 286 **PS#31TE**
2 sts (1 at RG & 1 at LT), 7 gms as 2nd string LY. 6 gms as blk TE in '03. Inj probs 1st 2Y.
#NA DAN DOERING FR.
6-7 290 **PS#3**
Gatorade IL POY. 1st TM Usa Today, Parade & EA Sports AA. Army AA game.

TE
#87 SCOTT CHANDLER JR.
6-7 242 **PS#152WR**
24 rec (13.5), 12 gms LY. Moved from WR to TE in Aug '04. L/6 gms as true due to WR inj's.
#30 RYAN MAJERUS JR.
6-3 237 **PS#109LB**
12 gms, 2 rec (7.5) in '04. 9 gms as rFr. LB on Scout Tm as true.

DEFENSE

DE
#99 BRYAN MATTISON SO.
6-3 262 **PS#109**
Missed 1/2 of spring due to foot surgery. +45 lbs at Iowa. 12 gms, 5 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. Dad (Greg) is Florida Co-DC.
#94 RICHARD KITRELL JR.
6-5 289 **PS#32**
"Big Human". No spring (mono). Sat out LY due to knee surgery. Partial qualifier as true. 4.72 speed.

DT
#72 GEORGE ESHARETURI SO.
6-3 284 **PS#154**
1 tfl, 5 gms, 2nd string DT as rFr.
#95 TED BENTLER rFR.
6-4 273 **PS#50**
Impressive on Scout Tm in '04. 4.7 speed. 209 tkls, 10 sks L/2Y of HS.
#NA RYAN BAIN FR.
6-2 260 **PS#14LB**
Army AA game. 1 of IL's top heavyweight wrestlers as a Sr.

DT
#53 MATT KROUL rFR.
6-3 256 **PS#64LB**
Moved from LB to DL during RS season. 4.8 speed. 2 time IA HS heavyweight wrestling champ.
#65 ALEX WILLCOX SO.
6-2 280 **PS#171**
No spring due to shoulder surgery. 8 gms, 3 tkls as rFr.

DE
#92 KENNY IWEBEMA SO.
6-4 246 **PS#220**
Won DE job in spring. 12 gms, 3 tkls as rFr. Team Def Leader Award as true.
#42 ANTON NARINSKIY rFR.
6-4 247 **PS#54LB**
Came in as LB but moved to DE. 4.6 speed. HS wrestler.
#49 MIKE FOLLETT SR.
6-5 255 **PS#66QB**
Moved to DE in spring. 2 sts at TE, 4 rec (11.0) L/2Y.

CB
#26 JOVON JOHNSON SR.
5-9 177 **PS#420**
4.4 speed. **HM Big 10**, 12 sts, 41 tkls, 4 int LY. 13 sts, #2 in Big 10 w/13 pbu and 6 int in '03. 2 sts, 31 tkls, 4 int as true.
#19 ADAM SHADA SO.
6-1 180 **PS#144**
4.5 speed. May be 1st CB off bench.11 gms, 13 tkls as true. #1 NE rush ypg as QB.

OLB
#27 EDMOND MILES JR.
6-1 222 **PS#60**
400 bench. 2 sts, 24 tkls, 3 tfl LY. 13 gms, 15 tkls mostly sp tms in '03. Partial qualifier out of HS.
#44 MIKE HUMPAL SO.
6-2 225 **PS#149**
No spring (injury). 2 gms until knee inj LY. 2 time IA wrestling champ at 215 lbs in HS.

MLB
#52 ABDUL HODGE SR.
6-2 234 **PS#51WR**
Butkus watch list. "Hitman." 4.5 speed. 400 bench. **1st TM Big 10**, 12 sts, 116 tkls, 5 tfl, 4 pbu LY. 1st TM Big 10, 13 sts, 141 tkls, 9 tfl in '03.
#40 MIKE KLINKENBORG SO.
6-2 230 **PS#44**
4.5 speed, 36" VL. 6 gms, 5 tkls as rFr.

OLB
#18 CHAD GREENWAY SR.
6-4 244 **PS#48QB**
Butkus watch list, 4.5 speed, **1st TM Big 10**, 12 sts, 113 tkls, 8 tfl, 5 pbu LY. 2nd TM Big 10, 13 sts, 132 tkls, 11 tfl, 6 pbu in '03. SD HS POY as QB.
#47 MITCH KING rFR.
6-3 237 **PS#56**
4.8 speed. Tried at DE in spring. 2 tkls, 3 gms but still RS as true.

CB
#20 ANTWAN ALLEN SR.
5-10 180 **PS#121**
HM Big 10, 12 sts, 54 tkls, 6 pbu, 4 int LY. 13 sts, 61 tkls, 10 pbu in '03. 13 sts, 60 tkls, 10 pbu as rFr.
#29 BRADLEY FLETCHER rFR.
6-2 191 **PS#89RB**
4.5 speed and good height matchup with taller receivers.

CB Antwan Allen

FS
#13 CHARLES GODFREY SO.
6-1 202 **PS#151**
4.49 speed. 11 gms, 10 tkls mostly sp tms as true. Brother of ex-Kansas St QB Ell Roberson.
#17 JONATHAN ZANDERS SO.
6-2 190 **PS#100**
3 gms until broken collarbone and surgery as rFr.

P
#6 ANDY FENSTERMAKER JR.
6-3 221 **PS#151**
Walk-on transfer from Missouri Western. 38.5 avg in '02. 38.2 avg in HS.
#91 JOHN GALLERY SR.
6-2 240 **PS#228LB**
2 punts (46.0) in '03. 39 avg as HS Sr. Brother of All-Big 10 Hawkeyes OT Robert and P Nick.

SS
#25 MARCUS PASCHAL JR.
6-0 199 **PS#215QB**
May not be ready until Big 10 season due to torn ACL in bowl. 12 sts (10 at SS, 2 at FS), 58 tkls, 6 pbu, 2 int LY. 13 gms, 13 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr.
#15 MIGUEL MERRICK JR.
6-0 203 **PS#115**
May be starter until Pascal recovers from injury. 2 sts, 33 tkls, 2 pbu, 1 BK LY. 13 gms, 28 tkls as rFr.

IOWA HAWKEYES ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Offensive Coor: Ken O'Keefe, 7th year
A member of Ferentz's original staff O'Keefe was the Head Coach at Fordham in '98. He also was the Head Coach at Allegheny College from '90-97 where he compiled a record of 79-10-1 including four undefeated seasons.

Running Backs: Carl Jackson, 20th year
RB coach in all seven years under Ferentz. Mentored Ricky Williams at Texas in 1997. RB coach of the San Francisco 49ers from '92-96 where he won a Super Bowl championship. Jackson previously served here under Hayden Fry as the offensive coordinator ('89-91) and RB coach ('79-88).

WR's/Sp teams: Lester Erb, 6th year
Came to Iowa City after spending the 1999 season coaching Army's TE's. Assisted Ferentz on the Baltimore Ravens staff in '97-'98 working with the offensive line.

TE's/Recruiting Coor: Eric Johnson, 7th yr
Another original staffer who has been the TE coach for the last three years. Prior to that he served as a quality control assistant and defensive grad assistant. Johnson followed defensive coordinator Parker over from Vanderbilt where he served as a defensive grad asst from '96-'98.

Offensive Line: Reese Morgan, 6th year
Spent the last two years as Iowa's offensive line coach after being the TE coach/Recruiting Coor in his first three seasons here. He came to Iowa after serving as the Head Coach at West High School in Iowa City for eight years compiling a 67-20 record.

DEFENSE

Defensive Coor/ILB's: Norm Parker, 7th year
Veteran DC that has led the Hawkeyes to top 10 performances in the NCAA's rush defense category the last 3 years. Parker also served as the DC at Vanderbilt from '97-98 and was named the SEC's Defensive Coordinator of the Year in '97. Parker's other Big 10 stops include Michigan St ('83-94), Illinois ('77-79), and Minnesota ('72-76) in his distinguished career.

Defensive Line: Ron Aiken, 7th year
2002's Assistant of the Year by the AFCA and all of LY's DL starters will be in NFL training camps come August. He previously served as SDSt's LB coach in '98 and as Texas' DT coach in '97. He coached with Parker as Vanderbilt's DL coach in '95-96.

OLB's/Sp tms: Darrell Wilson, 3rd year
Wilson is still the newest member of Ferentz's staff after arriving from Wisconsin in '01. Was Wisky's OLB/Sp tms coach from '00-01 and also served as Rutgers' RB coach in '99.

Defensive Backs: Phil Parker, 7th year
1 of 5 members of Ferentz's first staff Parker has coached draft choices in each of the last 3 years. Previously Parker coached DB's at Toledo for 11 seasons.

Strength: Chris Doyle, 7th year
Credited by Ferentz with creating 1 of the NCAA's top strength programs. Ferentz brought Doyle over from Utah where he served as the director of strength & conditioning in '98 and worked with the football, basketball and hockey teams. Previously he was an assistant at Wisconsin from '96-'98.

GAME BY GAME TEAM STATS

VERSUS	KENT ST	IOWA ST	ARIZ ST	MICH	MICH ST	OHIO ST	PENN ST	ILLINOIS	PURDUE	MINN	WISC	BOWL	TOTALS
SCORE	39	17	7	17	38	33	6	23	23	29	30	30	292
FD's	21	16	6	16	20	24	10	19	18	18	14	16	199
TOTAL YARDS	219	305	100	255	464	448	168	286	321	339	262	334	3752
RUSH YARDS	57-197	44-85	27-56	28-(-15)	27-124	37-117	40-42	36-76	34-43	27-6	39-76	29-47	428-871
PASS YARDS	223	220	44	270	340	331	126	243	278	333	186	287	2881
COM-ATT	18-30	16-22	8-19	24-32	25-37	26-39	14-31	24-34	25-46	24-39	15-24	20-32	239-385
INT	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	2	14
SACKS VS/Yds	3-23	4-37	4-25	4-30	1-7	2-10	3-19	4-27	3-13	4-38	4-30	3-33	40-290
FUMBLES/Lost	3-0	0-0	0-0	5-3	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-0	3-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	17-5
OPPONENTS STATS													
SCORE	7	10	44	30	16	7	4	13	21	27	7	25	211
FD's	11	16	23	18	27	12	6	16	19	20	15	19	202
TOTAL YARDS	110	236	511	329	449	177	147	268	357	410	186	346	3526
RUSH YARDS	19-(-13)	34-66	34-76	39-93	36-204	29-27	29-51	25-58	27-52	54-337	30-41	36-118	392-1110
PASS YARDS	123	170	435	236	245	150	96	210	305	73	145	228	2416
COM-ATT	19-36	15-30	33-46	16-26	29-54	14-26	9-28	22-42	27-45	9-17	18-39	23-35	234-424
INT	2	0	1	0	0	1	4	1	2	3	2	1	17
SACKS BY/Yds	4-21	2-11	0-0	4-18	1-3	2-9	2-1	0-0	6-38	1-6	4-14	5-34	30-172
FUMBLES/Lost	2-2	0-0	1-0	2-2	2-1	3-2	3-1	1-1	3-3	1-1	3-2	1-0	22-15

INDIVIDUAL GAME PERFORMANCES

RUSHING	KENT ST	IOWA ST	ARIZ ST	MICH	MICH ST	OHIO ST	PENN ST	ILLINOIS	PURDUE	MINN	WISC	BOWL
Sam Brownlee	11-29-0	–	–	–	2-6-0	10-35-0	16-30-0	19-50-0	25-52-0	–	4-10-0	4-13-0
Jermelle Lewis	–	30-102-0	10-14-0	14-35-0	3-49-1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Marques Simmons	–	1-0-0	7-51-0	–	13-47-2	4-20-0	–	–	–	–	13-41-0	13-35-1
Aaron Mickens	4-6-1	–	1-5-0	2-0-0	4-15-0	2-2-0	7-27-0	–	–	6-16-0	11-42-0	5-14-0
Albert Young	22-82-0	4-5-1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Drew Tate	4-39-0	7-(-19)-0	6-(-22)-0	11-(-49)-0	4-4-0	9-24-0	10-8-0	9-6-1	6-(-7)-0	10-(-23)-0	7-(-22)-0	6-(-15)-0
PASSING												
Drew Tate	13-22-1	16-22-1	8-19-1	24-32-2	25-36-1	26-39-0	14-31-1	24-34-1	24-45-1	24-39-0	15-24-3	20-32-2
(Com-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	136-2	220-1	44-0	270-2	340-1	331-3	126-0	243-2	270-2	333-2	186-3	287-2
RECEIVING												
Clinton Solomon	2-48-0	3-40-0	1-13-0	4-64-0	4-105-0	7-131-2	5-46-0	5-44-0	8-76-0	9-157-1	6-100-2	4-81-1
Ed Hinkle	4-65-0	4-61-1	1-4-0	7-89-2	7-98-1	6-76-0	3-26-0	5-108-2	6-38-1	5-48-0	5-38-0	10-93-0
Scott Chandler	1-8-0	3-31-0	1-(-1)-0	2-3-0	2-10-0	2-14-1	1-20-0	–	4-122-0	3-39-0	3-37-1	2-41-0
Warren Holloway	–	1-23-0	1-10-0	2-19-0	4-26-0	5-64-0	–	–	3-19-0	4-21-0	–	4-72-1
Jermelle Lewis	–	2-44-0	–	3-20-0	3-45-0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Aaron Mickens	2-8-0	2-3-0	2-11-0	2-14-0	–	2-14-0	2-20-0	1-7-0	–	2-8-0	–	–

IOWA'S 2005 ROSTER

#	Name	Year	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown
70	Wesley Aeschliman	rFR	OL	6-8	312	Bloomfield, IA
3	Chris Aldrich	SO	WR	6-2	183	Oelwein, IA
20	Antwan Allen	SR	DB	5-10	180	Tampa, FL
85	Clark Anderson	rFR	WR	6-4	203	Marion, IA
55	Nyere Aumaitre	rFR	OL	6-5	300	Camden, NJ
41	CJ Barkema	SR	TE	6-8	280	Muscatine, IA
32	Andrew Becker	JR	DB	6-1	201	Ankeny, IA
95	Ted Bentler	rFR	DL	6-4	273	Davenport, IA
50	Tyler Bergan	SO	LB	5-11	215	Grinnell, IA
39	Chris Brevi	SO	LB	6-2	215	Tampa, FL
80	Andy Brodell	rFR	WR	6-3	185	Ankeny, IA
86	Shannon Browning	SO	DE	6-4	247	Marshalltown, IA
48	Sam Brownlee	JR	RB	5-10	200	Emmetsburg, IA
58	Rob Bruggeman	rFR	OL	6-4	267	Cedar Rapids, IA
67	Zach Brugman	rFR	OL	6-5	242	Solon, IA
35	Tom Busch	SO	FB	5-11	231	Cottage Grove, MN
87	Scott Chandler	JR	TE	6-7	242	Southlake, TX
46	Bret Chinander	SR	LB	5-11	228	Allison, IA
82	Kennon Christian	SO	WR	6-2	205	Davenport, IA
4	Jonathan Chupka	SO	PK	6-1	216	Davenport, IA
97	Lucas Cox	rFR	DL	6-4	247	Springdale, PA
59	Ben Cronin	SR	OL	6-5	285	Ames, IA
2	Harold Dalton	rFR	DB	6-1	189	Camden, NJ
22	Calvin Davis	JR	WR	6-1	197	Iowa City, IA
46	Champ Davis	JR	FB	6-2	227	Plano, TX
3	Ma'Quan Dawkins	JR	DB	5-9	166	Bridgeton, NJ
13	Ryan Deets	rFR	FB	5-11	201	Iowa City, IA
94	Ross DeVolder	rFR	TE	6-5	242	Marshalltown, IA
79	Greg Dollmeyer	JR	OL	6-8	290	Cedar Rapids, IA
56	Rashad Dunn	rFR	OL	6-3	290	Evans, GA
54	Mike Elgin	JR	OL	6-4	277	Bankston, IA
72	George Eshareturi	SO	DL	6-3	284	New York, NY
93	Ettore Ewen	rFR	DL	6-0	280	Tampa, FL
89	Tyler Fanucchi	SO	WR	5-10	187	Claremont, CA
64	Chris Felder	JR	OL	6-7	297	Oelwein, IA
6	Andy Fenstermaker	JR	P	6-3	221	Mt Pleasant, IA
61	Brian Ferentz	SR	OL	6-3	282	Iowa City, IA
29	Bradley Fletcher	rFR	DB	6-2	191	Youngstown, OH
49	Mike Follett	SR	LB	6-5	255	W Des Moines, IA
51	Zachary Gabelmann	JR	LB	6-1	227	Bettendorf, IA
91	John Gallery	SR	P	6-2	240	Masonville, IA
75	Ben Gates	SR	OL	6-6	286	Toledo, IA
22	Joe Gentile	rFR	DB	5-9	185	Council Bluffs, IA
13	Charles Godfrey	SO	DB	6-1	202	Baytown, TX
70	Lee Gray	SR	OL	6-6	310	Dallas, TX
18	Chad Greenway	SR	LB	6-4	244	Mt Vernon, SD
4	Herb Grigsby	SO	WR	6-0	170	Mayflower, AR
11	Ed Hinkel	SR	WR	6-1	190	Erie, PA
52	Abdul Hodge	SR	LB	6-2	234	Ft Lauderdale, FL
20	Michael Huisman	SO	WR	5-11	195	Mason City, IA
44	Mike Humpal	SO	LB	6-2	225	New Hampton, IA
77	Clint Huntrods	SO	OL	6-6	283	Collins, IA
59	Jon Isgrig	rFR	LB	6-1	230	Newton, IA
92	Kenny Iwebema	SO	DE	6-4	246	Arlington, TX
26	Jovon Johnson	SR	DB	5-9	177	Erie, PA
76	Mike Jones	JR	OL	6-5	299	Oak Lawn, IL
31	Griffin Karr	rFR	PK	5-10	185	Delray Beach, FL
67	Kyle Kesselring	SR	LS	6-2	245	Iowa City, IA
47	Mitch King	rFR	LB	6-3	237	Burlington, IA
94	Richard Kittrell	JR	DL	6-5	289	Hamden, CT
40	Mike Klinkenborg	SO	LB	6-2	230	Rock Rapids, IA
53	Matt Kroul	rFR	DL	6-3	256	Mount Vernon, IA
45	Chris Kuehl	rFR	LB	6-2	223	Rock Rapids, IA
77	Jerry Leonard	rFR	DE	6-6	244	Pelican Rapids, MN
30	Ryan Majerus	JR	TE	6-3	237	Oelwein, IA
16	Jason Manson	JR	QB	6-1	195	Bloomfield, CT
99	Bryan Mattison	SO	DE	6-3	262	Mishawaka, IN
7	Eric McCollom	SO	QB/WR	6-0	190	Camden, SC
90	Grant McCracken	rFR	DE	6-3	233	Ankeny, IA
37	Gavin McGrath	rFR	LB	6-2	221	Cedar Rapids, IA
38	Jordan McLaughlin	rFR	LB	6-0	220	Belmond, IA
84	Matt Melloy	SR	WR	6-3	208	Mt Pleasant, IA
15	Miguel Merrick	JR	DB	6-0	201	Union City, NJ
27	Edmond Miles	JR	LB	6-1	222	Tallahassee, FL
14	Devan Moylan	JR	DB	5-10	201	Panorama Terrance, IA
83	Brandon Myers	rFR	TE	6-4	238	Prairie City, IA
42	Anton Narinskiy	rFR	DL	6-4	247	Chagrin Falls, OH
71	Seth Olsen	rFR	OL	6-5	297	Omaha, NE
69	Daniel Olszta	SO	LS	5-11	217	New Lenox, IL
25	Marcus Paschal	JR	DB	6-0	199	Largo, FL
72	Andrew Payton	rFR	OL	6-5	283	Waterloo, IA
12	Cy Phillips	SR	QB	6-6	227	Hoxie, AR
63	Todd Plagman	SO	OL	6-5	295	Carson, IA
78	Austin Postler	rFR	OL	6-5	251	Iowa City, IA
40	Brian Powers	SO	DL	6-2	235	Arlington Heights, IL
9	Khaliq Price	JR	DB	6-2	198	Sicklerville, NJ
9	Kyle Riffel	SO	WR	6-3	199	Wichita, KS
74	Nate Roos	SR	DT	6-0	280	Spencer, IA
50	Bryan Ryther	JR	OL	6-2	274	Marion, IA
85	Michael Sabers	rFR	TE	6-5	240	Iowa City, IA
1	Kyle Schlicher	JR	PK	5-9	179	Ankeny, IA
23	Marcus Schnoor	SR	RB	6-1	198	DeWitt, IA
19	Adam Shada	SO	DB	6-1	180	Omaha, NE
14	Adolphus Shelton	SR	DB	5-10	188	Dallas, TX
32	Kevin Sherlock	SR	FB	5-11	231	Park Ridge, IL
33	Marques Simmons	SR	RB	5-8	202	Davenport, IA
28	Damian Sims	SO	RB	5-9	185	Boynton Beach, FL
88	Clinton Solomon	SR	WR	6-3	196	Ft Worth, TX
21	Jacob Spratt	SO	DL	6-2	233	Williamsburg, IA
56	Robert Stork	SO	DE	6-5	250	Sioux Falls, SD
5	Drew Tate	JR	QB	6-0	185	Baytown, TX
80	Ryan Van Engel	rFR	WR	6-3	190	Cedarburg, WI
74	David Walker	SR	OL	6-2	295	Ft Lauderdale, FL
65	Alex Willcox	SO	DL	6-2	280	W Des Moines, IA
41	Richey Williams	SR	DB	5-10	177	North Augusta, SC
11	Paul Wilson	SR	FB	5-11	242	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
73	Marshal Yanda	JR	OL	6-4	315	Anamosa, IA
21	Albert Young	SO	RB	5-10	207	Moorestown, NJ
17	Jonathan Zanders	SO	DB	6-2	190	Cedar Falls, IA
41	Andy Zeal	SO	DB	5-11	205	Marion, IA

IOWA HAWKEYES THE LAST 3 YEARS

2004 SEASON

RECORD: 10-2 BIG 10 RECORD: 7-1

IOWA 39 Kent St 7-KSU was w/o QB Cribbs and Smith started. UI opened with a 45 yd FG drive and later went 66 yds for a TD, 10-0. KSU's fake punt pass on 4th & 1 fell incomplete from their own 46. Ten plays later, Iowa added a TD. KSU's #3 QB Sitko was int'd and Greenway ret'd it to the 7 setting up an Iowa TD, 23-0 (xp blk'd). Tate led 60 yds but Williams int'd a pass & ret'd 100 yds for a TD. At half, Iowa had a 258-23 yd edge. In the 3Q KSU fmbl'd at the Iowa 36. McCollom replaced Tate at QB due to dehydration. Iowa blk'd the punt & ret'd it to the KSU 19 which set up a 33 yd FG. Iowa went 52 yds for a TD, 33-7. KSU got to the Iowa 16 but were SOD. Tate ret'd driving UI 73 yds but they missed a 44 yd FG. Smith was int'd and ret'd 30 yds for a TD. Iowa was SOD on 4th & 3 with :47 left.

IOWA 17 Iowa St 10-ISU was missing their FG K and their frosh walk-on FG kicker missed 3 FG's. Iowa got a big KR and a 15 yd pen to open and went 49 yds for a TD. ISU went 48 yds and had a FD at the Iowa 14 but missed a 30 yd FG. Iowa got to midfield but Robertson int'd & ret'd it to the 46 setting up a 41 yd FG, 7-3. Iowa had a 44 yd FG blk'd. On 3rd & 5, Iowa got a 29 yd TD pass with 2:49 left 2Q. ISU's 46 yd FG was no good with 1:08 left. Iowa went 37 yds and nailed a 39 yd FG, 17-3. ISU brought in Flynn at QB. On 3rd & 6 he got a FD pass to the 40 and on the next play, hit Blythe with a 40 yd TD pass. ISU converted on 4th & 1 with an offsides pen for a FD but missed a 31 yd FG. Later ISU got a FD to the 41 of Iowa but on 4th & 1 were SOD. Iowa ran out the clock.

ARIZONA ST 44 Iowa 7-45:00 delayed start due to lightning and ASU dominated with 23-6 FD and 511-100 yd edges. ASU went 80 & 64 yds for TD's and 57 yds for a FG. ASU was at the UI 29 but was int'd. UI was int'd and it was ret'd to the 13. Walter hit a TD pass to make it 24-0. ASU nailed a 48 yd FG with :05 left 1H. ASU opened the 3Q with a 64 yd FG drive and a 47 yd TD drive. UI started at the ASU 36 after a PR but were SOD. ASU got a 65 yd pass to Miller and then a 5 yd TD pass to make it 44-0 with 7:47 left. UI went 62 yds but they were SOD on 4th & 2 at the ASU 19. With just :18 left UI ret'd the punt 83 yds for a TD.

MICHIGAN 30 Iowa 17- Iowa opened with a 75 yd TD drive. UM went 35 yds and nailed a 46 yd FG. Iowa fmbl'd at the UM 42 and the next play the Wolves got a 58 yd TD pass to Edwards, 10-7. Iowa was int'd setting up a UM TD, 16-7 (xpng). Iowa went 87 yds but settled for a 25 yd FG. Iowa fmbl'd on their own 23 and 2 plays later UM got a TD, 23-10. Another Iowa fmbl set UM up at the UI 1 but they fmbl'd into the EZ for a TB. Iowa, on 3rd & 18, was int'd and ret'd 25 yds for a TD, 30-10. Iowa drove 80 yds for a TD with 7:28 left. On their last poss Iowa was SOD on its own 32.

IOWA 38 Michigan St 16-Iowa opened with an 80 yd TD drive and Lewis ran it in from 47 yds out. Iowa went 80 yds and a 15 yd TD pass put them up 14-0. Iowa got a 28 yd pass down to the MSU 36 but was int'd at the 1 and Lewis inj'd his knee on the drive. MSU went 91 and 74 yds for FG's with the latter coming after replays backed up an incompletion call in the EZ. A long Iowa KR set up a 24 yd FG with :38 left 2Q, 17-6. Iowa went 67 yds for a TD, 24-6. MSU got to the Iowa 33 but missed a 55 yd FG. Iowa went 64 yds for a TD. MSU went 37 yds for a 44 yd FG, 31-9. MSU fmbl'd a punt on their own 2 setting up an Iowa TD. MSU went 92 yds for a garbage TD with 4:24 left. MSU rec'd the onside kick and got to the 2 but was SOD with 3:05 left.

IOWA 33 Ohio St 7-Iowa was down to their 5th & 6th string RB's but still managed 24-12 FD and 448-177 yd edges. After fmbl at the OSU 16, Iowa went 61 yds for a TD and 39 yds for a 45 yd FG. OSU went 68 yds but on 3rd & 8 Zwick's pass was int'd in the EZ with 2:32 left 1H. In the 3Q OSU's Zwick was inj'd after being sk'd & fmbl'd on their own 30 setting up an Iowa TD, 17-0. Smith came in at QB for OSU but they went 3 & out. Later, Iowa added a 36 yd TD pass and an 83 yd TD drive (xpng). OSU was SOD. Iowa started at the 22 and nailed a 41 yd FG. Iowa went for it on 4th & 4 at the OSU 27 and was SOD. OSU went 73 yds for a garbage TD.

Iowa 6 PENN ST 4-On a bad snap, Iowa's P kicked the ball out of the EZ for a safety. Later PSU's Lowry had a 34 yd PR but their 51 yd FG came up short. Iowa went on a 58 yd drive including a 4th & 1 conversion at the PSU 10 but settled for a 27 yd FG, 3-2. PSU was int'd by Considine & ret'd 51 yds to the UI 10 which set up Iowa for a 27 yd FG. Iowa was int'd at their own 40 but PSU was int'd at the 27. PSU rec'd a blk'd punt at the Iowa 10 but missed a 25 yd FG. Mills was inj'd for PSU and Robinson would QB the rest of the game. An Iowa fmbl set up a PSU 39 yd drive but they were int'd at the 2. Iowa's P went out of the EZ for a safety with 7:55 left. PSU was int'd on the 4Q's 1st play at the 40. Later Robinson was sk'd & fmbl'd at his own 14. PSU jumped offsides on 4th & 2 giving Iowa a FD and they ran out the clock.

Iowa 23 ILLINOIS 13 - Windy. Bower started and led IL 49 yds for a TD. Iowa went 84 yds and on 3rd & 8 got a 19 yd TD pass to tie it. In the 3Q IL fmbl'd at their own 37 setting up another Iowa 19 yd TD pass, 14-7. Iowa blk'd a punt out of the EZ for a safety. Following the free kick the Hawks went 46 yds for a TD, 23-7. Ex-Hawkeye Beutjer came in at QB for IL. The Illini went 64 yds but Beutjer was int'd. IL went 65 yds in 17 plays and got a TD with :49 left after 3 4th down conversions (2 pt ng). Iowa rec'd the onside kick.

IOWA 23 Purdue 21-PU QB Orton DNP with Kirsch getting the start. Iowa went 74 yds for a TD incl 28 & 31 yd passes on B2B plays to Chandler. PU drove 65 yds but they settled for a 32 yd FG which was blk'd. PU fmbl'd a punt on its own 18 setting up an Iowa 34 yd FG. Kirsch was sk'd & fmbl'd at the PU 37 which set up another Iowa TD. PU got a 48 yd TD pass to make it 17-7 at half. Iowa got a 31 yd drive but missed a 47 yd FG. Tate was int'd by Williams whose return and Iowa penalty put the Boilers at the Iowa 10. PU however had a 27 yd FG blk'd. PU went 55 yds for a TD. Iowa would go 94 yds including a 47 yd pass on 3rd & 15 but they settled for a 22 yd FG, 20-14. PU was int'd by Allen & ret'd 18 yds to the Iowa 32. Iowa then settled for a 26 yd FG. Kirsch was int'd again & Lewis ret'd it to the Iowa 28 but the Hawks missed a 42 yd FG. PU was sk'd & fmbl'd at their own 18 but Iowa had a 27 yd FG blk'd. PU would go 42 yds for a TD with :25 left.

Iowa 29 MINNESOTA 27-Iowa fans made up half of the sellout crowd of 64,719. UM was int'd and ret'd to the 44 and Iowa nailed a 36 yd FG. UM went on a 72 yd drive but settled for a 25 yd FG. Iowa went 76 yds for a TD twice converting on 3rd & long, 10-3. After a 35 yd PR, Iowa started at the UM 40. They got a 34 yd pass but settled for a 22 yd FG. UM was int'd at their own 35 & Iowa nailed a 20 yd FG, 16-3. UM's Maroney ran 79 yds for a TD. Iowa's 60 yd TD pass put them up 23-10. On a HB option UM's Barber was int'd at the 33. In the 3Q UM went 55 yds but settled for a 20 yd FG. UM later went 61 yds with Maroney's 37 yd TD run making it 23-20. Iowa went 60 yds and a 38 yd FG made it 26-20. UM got to the 44 before Barber fmbl'd. Iowa hit a 49 yd FG, 29-20. UM went 73 yds for a TD w/4:48 left. UM got it back and after getting to the 33 went conservatively setting up for the FG. Lloyd's 51 yd FG was wide left w/:28 left.

IOWA 30 Wisconsin 7-Iowa was int'd at their own 32 but UW missed a 47 yd FG after fmbl the snap. Iowa was int'd 3 plays later but again the Badgers missed a 51 yd FG wide right. Iowa went 66 yds for a TD. UW went 43 yds for a TD with 1:51 left 1H. After a 37 yd KR, Iowa got a 51 yd TD pass on 3rd & 1, 14-7 at the half. UW was int'd at their own 32 and 7 plays later, Iowa had a TD. UW fmbl'd the KO at their own 21 and Iowa added a 31 yd FG, 24-7. UW was SOD on 4th & 1 at their own 29 which set the Hawks up for a 21 yd FG. Babineaux ret'd Stocco's fmbl 36 yds which set up another Iowa FG for the final.

2003 SEASON

RECORD: 10-3 BIG 10 RECORD: 5-3

IOWA 21 Miami, Oh 3-MU took its opening drive 77 yds but settled for a 21 yd FG. UI went 80 yds for a TD. MU drove but Roethlisberger was int'd at the 3. With :23 left 1H Roethlisberger again was int'd and Iowa ret'd it to the 1 setting up a Hawks TD,14-3 at the half. MU was int'd at the UI 19. UI drove 68 yds for a TD. MU was driving but was int'd in the EZ with 4:32 left. UI gained 70 of their yds running out the clock.

IOWA 56 Buffalo 7-The Hawks drove 73, 87, 51, 46 and 69 yds for 1H TD's, and had an 18 yd FR for a TD to lead 42-0 at the half. UI used a lot of backups in the 2H. They extended it to 56-0 and UB went 80 yds on 17 plays for a garbage TD with 6:34 left.

Iowa 40 IOWA ST 21-UI drove for an early 42 yd FG and then got a 40 yd TD drive after a fmbl. ISU drove 78 yds for a TD but UI answered with a 66 yd TD drive, 17-7. UI got a 23 yd FG and ISU ran out of time at the UI 7 at the 1H's end. ISU had a backup P in and UI blk'd the punt & rec'd it for a TD, 27-7. After an int, the Hawks added a 19 yd FG and after another blk'd punt UI added a 20 yd FG. ISU was SOD at the UI 10 and 25. The Cyclones drove 26 yds for a TD following a fmble, 33-14 with 6:10 left. After ISU was SOD at their own 32, the Hawks tacked on a 33 yd TD run. ISU got a 69 yd TD pass with 2:16 left.

IOWA 21 Arizona St 2-A bad snap by Iowa was bobbled in the EZ by ASU and Iowa fell on it for a safety. After an int ASU had a FD at the Iowa 11 but QB Walter was int'd in the EZ. Iowa got a 40 yd TD pass and then drove 41 yds for a TD and a 14-2 halftime lead. Iowa went 49 yds for a TD. ASU missed a 43 yd FG and was SOD at the Iowa 35 as ASU was held to just 12 FD's and 184 yds.

MICHIGAN ST 20 Iowa10- MSU drove 80 yds for a TD and after a fmbl drove 41 yds for a TD, 14-0. Iowa drove 80 yds for a TD. The D's took over. MSU rec'd a fumble on a sk and ret'd it to the Iowa 25 which led to a 23 yd FG with :19 left 2Q, 17-7. Iowa opened the 3Q with a 74 yd drive for a 22 yd FG. The next 6 poss ended with 6 punts. MSU drove 74 yds for a 20 yd FG but neither team would threaten after that.

IOWA 30 Michigan 27-UM was in control early driving 51 and 64 yds for TD's. With UM leading 20-10 w/1:46 left 1H, Iowa got a 43 yd PR and a pers foul which put the ball at the UM 9. The Hawks got a TD with :19 left. In the 3Q, after an int, Iowa got a 25 yd FG to tie it. After a punt block, the Hawks got a 32 yd FG to take the lead, 23-20. Iowa drove 80 yds for a TD, 30-20. UM answered with a 41 yd TD pass. UM got across midfield but a 4th & 12 pass fell incomplete on their last poss.

OHIO ST 19 Iowa 10-OSU got a 53 yd FG and then a 54 yd PR for a TD. Iowa drove 51 yds for a 36 yd FG, 10-3. OSU had a 1st & goal at the 1 but Krenzel fmbl'd. OSU blk'd a punt for a TD. OSU lined up for a 47 yd FG but botched it. Iowa faked a 22 yd FG and K Kaeding ran in for a TD. Later a snap went over QB Chandler's head for an OSU safety with 3:03 left, 19-10. OSU got an int with :10 left to seal it.

IOWA 26 Penn St14-UI had a 76 yd drive but an apparent TD was called back on a hold. On the next play PSU's Yisrael int'd a screen pass & ret'd it 83 yds for a TD. Iowa rec'd a fmbl and drove 30 yds for a TD (xp blk'd) and then drove 53 yds for a TD, 12-7 (2 pt ng). Iowa blk'd a punt for a TD to open the 3Q. PSU missed a 50 yd FG and Iowa drove 67 yds for a TD, 26-7. Iowa fmbl'd at their own 24 and PSU got a TD two plays later, 26-14. Iowa ended the game at the Lion 15.

IOWA 41 Illinois10-Iowa drove 77, 75 and 80 yds to take a 17-0 halftime lead. Iowa hit a 24 yd FG to open the 3Q and IL missed a 43 yd FG. Iowa got a 3 yd fmbl return TD and drove 57 yds for a TD, 34-0. IL drove 80 yds for a TD and 57 yds for a 24 yd FG. Iowa drove 73 yds and got a TD pass with 3:12 left.

PURDUE 27 Iowa14-PU took their opening poss 57 yds for a TD. Iowa drove to the PU 9 but Kaeding missed a 34 yd FG. PU drove 56 yds for a 44 yd FG. A Chambers PR set up a PU 42 yd FG on the 1H's final play, 13-0. The Boilers ret'd the 2H KO 44 yds setting up a Chambers 45 yd TD rec. PU added a 63 yd TD drive, 27-0. UI ret'd the KO 33 yds which set up a 63 yd TD drive. The Hawks added a 67 yd TD drive. PU then drove 60 yds in 15 plays which took up 7:51 but missed a 32 yd FG. Iowa drove to the PU 31 but was int'd on the game's final play.

IOWA 40 Minnesota 22-An Iowa 47 yd KR set up a 27 yd FG. UM missed a 54 yd FG and settled for a 33 yd'r after an int. UM went on a 13 play drive but settled for a 44 yd FG, 6-3. Iowa drove 70 yds for a TD and UM fmbl'd at the Iowa 12. Iowa drove 72 yds for a TD. UM RB Maroney fmbl'd going into the EZ and Iowa rec'd it at the 1. Iowa ended the 1H with a 55 yd FG and led 20-6. UM fmbl'd at their own 19 setting up an Iowa FG and Iowa added a 38 yd FG. UM was int'd which set up a 41 yd UI TD drive, 33-6. UI drove 60 yds for a TD early 4Q. UM fmbl'd at the Iowa 32 and then drove 67 and 68 yds for TD's (w/2 pt conv) on their final 2 drives. UM finished with 29-15 FD and 563-344 yd edges.

Iowa 27 WISCONSIN 21-UW missed a 52 yd FG and Iowa went 66 yds for a TD. Starks ret'd an int to the 5 and UW got a TD 2 plays later, 7-7. UW went 80 yds for a TD. Backup UW QB Schabert came in when Sorgi was inj'd & led UW 36 yds for a TD, 21-7. Schabert was int'd and it was ret'd 39 yds to the UW 26 setting up a 6 play Iowa TD drive. Iowa hit a 50 yd FG with :11 left 1H, 21-17. The Badgers were SOD at the Iowa 43. Later Schabert was int'd again and ret'd to the 1 setting up an Iowa TD. Schabert was int'd for the 3rd time and Iowa got a 28 yd FG for a 27-21 lead. Stocco was brought in & led UW 43 yds but his 4th & goal pass from the 5 fell incomplete.

2002 SEASON

RECORD: 11-2 BIG 10 RECORD: 8-0

IOWA 57 Akron 21-Iowa scored a school record 37 1Q pts and scored every time it had the ball in the 1H including a 31 yd TD pass w/:00 left, 51-14. UA QB Frye was roughed up and missed the 2H. Twice in the 2H Iowa was SOD inside the UA 5 and UA got a 2 yd TD drive after a fmbl.

Iowa 29 MIAMI, OH 24-UI led 10-3 but MU got an 80 yd TD drive. UI settled for a FG w/ 1:05 left 1H and led 13-10. MU drove 22 yds for a TD foll a fmbl'd punt & led 17-16 but UI answered w/67 & 66 yd TD drives, 29-17. MU had a TD called back on penalty and were SOD at the 12 and later drove 68 yds for a TD w/4:54 left.

Iowa St 36 IOWA 31-Iowa controlled the 1H w/291 yds & led 24-7 at the half. RB Russell had 133 1H yds but was inj'd early 3Q. ISU drove 75 yds for a TD and took advantage of 2 Banks' fmbls going 33 & 20 yds for TD's to stunningly take the lead 28-24. Iowa was tkl'd in the EZ for a safety, 30-24. ISU got a 76 yd FG drive and another FG after a fmbl to lead 36-24. Iowa got a 52 yd TD drive w/1:23 left but ISU rec'd the onside kick.

IOWA 48 Utah St 7-UI's 1st 3 drives were 83, 65 and 75 yds for TD's, 21-0. USU got an 82 yd TD drive and UI answered w/a FG. UI's got a 75 yd TD run, blk'd a punt for a TD, nailed a 51 yd FG and rec'd a fmbl in the EZ for a TD. USU was SOD at the UI 22 and 35 vs Hawks backups.

Iowa 42 PENN ST 35 (OT)-Iowa opened w/an 80 yd TD drive and a 44 yd FG drive. After a PSU fmbl they went 18 yds for a TD, 17-0. UI added a 53 yd TD drive after an int before PSU drove 87 yds for a TD w/1:25 left 1H. Iowa hit a 55 yd FG, 26-7 at half. PSU got a 69 yd TD drive but the xp was blk'd and ret'd by Iowa for 2, 28-13. Iowa drove 80 yds for a TD, 35-13. After a 55 yd PR, Iowa was int'd in the EZ. PSU drove 92 yds for a TD. The Lions added 44 yd TD pass w/3:57 left. PSU drove 64 yds for the tying TD w/1:20 left. In OT Iowa got a TD and PSU was SOD.

IOWA 31 Purdue 28-PU had 30-14 FD and 507-384 yd edges. PU had 86 & 71 yd TD drives, 14-3. UI blk'd a FG & ret'd it for a TD w/1:20 left 1H. Iowa blk'd a punt for a TD, 17-14. Iowa threw a short pass to TE Clark & he broke 3 tkl's to go 95 yds for a TD, 24-14. PU QB Orton missed the rest of gm (concussion). Kirsch led 90 & 67 yd TD drives for a 28-24 lead. Iowa was SOD at their own 48 w/2:40 left but later went 86 yds for a TD w/1:07 left. PU did drive to the Iowa 25 but a pass was int'd w/:14 left.

IOWA 44 Mich St 16-Five TO's did MSU in as UI's #1 ranked Big 10 offense was held to 284 yds but put up 44 pts. MSU had an 8-2 FD 1Q edge but trailed 17-7 as UI got a 94 yd KR TD and 62 yd int ret TD. UI added a TD pass & FG, 27-7 at the half. MSU turned it over on the 3Q's 1st 2 poss setting UI up w/a 21 yd TD drive and a FG, 37-7. Iowa made it 44-7 and MSU was SOD at the UI 21. MSU got a TD on a 52 yd drive. Iowa took an intentional safety after being pinned at their own 2.

Iowa 24 INDIANA 8-Indy had 26-17 FD and 481-358 yd edges but 6 trips inside the Iowa 20 resulted in 3 pts. Iowa dominated early and led 17-0. Indy had a 16 play drive end on an int in the EZ. Indy drove to the Iowa 28 but was int'd at the 5 w/:10 left 1H. Indy settled for 2 FG's after 14 & 13 play drives to pull to 17-6. Iowa got a 65 yd TD pass. Indy was SOD at the Iowa 18 and the Iowa 6. Iowa took an intentional safety and Indy was int'd at the Iowa 5 w/:09 left.

Iowa 34 MICHIGAN 9-UM's worst home loss S/'67. Iowa went 80 yds for a TD and drove 86 yds but settled for a FG after having a 1st & goal at the 1. UM tackled Iowa's P and scored a TD 2 plays later, 10-6 w/1:13 left 1H. UM opened the 3Q w/a 55 yd FG drive but later fmbl'd at their own 16 which Iowa turned into a TD, 17-9. Iowa drove 56 & 50 yds for TD's, 31-9. Iowa added a FG and UI finished w/ 22-12 FD and 399-171 yd edges.

IOWA 20 Wisconsin 3-UW lost QB Bollinger to a 2Q inj & Iowa was w/o leading rusher Russell. Iowa got a FG and UW also settled for 1 after dropping a wide open TD pass. Iowa got a 46 yd TD drive w/1:03 left 2Q to lead 10-3. Iowa got a FG and drove 55 yds for a TD, 20-3. Iowa missed a FG and the Badgers had a 13 play drive end on an int in the EZ. UW's final drive ended on an int at the Iowa 5.

IOWA 62 Northwestern 10-NW onside kicked to open & UI ret'd it to the 25 setting up a TD. NW was SOD on 4th & inches at its own 40 and UI got a 40 yd TD pass. NW pulled within 14-7 w/a 51 yd TD drive. The rest was all UI as they drove 67, 65 and 74 yds for TD's and 71 yds for a FG, 38-10. UI added a 58 yd PR TD and 72, 57 & 33 yd TD drives.

Iowa 45 MINNESOTA 21-UI drove 82 yds for a TD but UM drove 71 yds to tie. Iowa got 65 & 73 yd TD drives and added another after a fmbl, 28-7. UM got back in it w/an 80 yd TD drive w/:32 left 2Q, 28-14. Iowa drove 37 yds for a TD after a fmbl but UM answered w/a 72 yd TD drive, 35-21. Iowa went 72 yds for a FG, 38-21. UM fmbl'd a punt at their own 18 but Iowa was SOD at the 1. UM fmbl'd and Iowa got a 1 yd TD drive. UM's last drive ended on an int at the UI 15.

IOWA HAWKEYES

2005 BIG 10 RECRUITMENT RANKING: 2
2005 NATIONAL RANK: 6

2005 NEWCOMERS

Pat Angerer PS#28LB 6-1 215 Bettendorf HS/Bettendorf, IA. 4.63 speed. Two time 1st Team All-Iowa selection. Compiled 128 tackles, 28 tackles for loss, 8 sacks on IA's 4A Championship team as a Senior. 197 tackles, 35 tackles for loss, 9 sacks and 4 forced fumbles in an incredible Junior campaign.

Kavlin Bailey PS#19RB 6-0 240 Armwood HS/ Tampa, FL. Recruited as a FB with 4.7 speed and 405 bench. Two-time 1st Team All-Florida and HS won back-to-back state champ. Rushed for 1,576 yards (7.0) and 27 TD's as a Senior. Had 1,733 (6.8) yards and 23 TD's as a Junior.

DL Ryan Bain PS#14LB 6-2 260 Bolingbrook HS/Bolingbrook, IL. 4.7 speed, 400 bench, 600 squat. Participated in US Army All-Star game. Honorable Mention All-Illinois with 91 tackles as a Senior. Illinois AA heavyweight wrestling champion in 2005.

DE Tyler Blum PS#5TE 6-6 251 Walnut Community HS/Walnut, IA. Participated in US Army All-Star game. Three time 1st Team All-Iowa on offense as a Senior and on defense as a Junior and as a Sophomore. Collected 51 receptions for 850 yards (16.7) & 23 TD's as a TE with 135 tackles with 4 forced fumbles on defense as a Senior. Winner of Iowa wrestling champ at 215 lbs as a Junior.

Dana Brown PS#169RB 5-10 200 Clairton HS/ Clairton, PA. 4.48 speed, 305 bench. 1st Team All-Pennsylvania, rushed for 2,147 yards (9.7) and 36 TD's as a Senior. Also had 72 tackles on defense with 1 interception.

Kyle Calloway PS#70OL 6-7 285 East HS/ Belleville, IL. Military dependent who went to 3 high schools in 4 years. Named to ESPN's Preseason Top Ten player in St. Louis area. 5.19 speed, 18 reps of 225 bench. TE and DT in HS.

Jake Christensen PS#6QB 6-1 205 Lockport HS/ Lockport IL. US Army All star game and Parade All-American. Illinois Player of the Year by Champaign News-Gazette. Passed for 2,874 yards (56%) with a 36-11 ratio as a Senior. Amazing Junior season where he passed for 3,681 yards (49%) with a 33-5 ratio. Dad Jeff was NFL QB with Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Cleveland.

Justin Collins PS#190DL 6-2 250 Brewer HS/Ft Worth, TX. 4.7 speed, top ranked powerlifter who can bench 395 and squat 610. 1st Team All-Texas as a Senior while totalling 60 tackles and 8 quarterback sacks.

Dan Doering PS#3OL 6-7 290 Barrington HS/Barrington, IL. Played in US Army All-Star game. Named 1st Team All-American by USA Today, Parade and EA Sports. Gatorade Illinois Player of the Year. Detroit Free Press Best Overall Player in the Midwest as a Senior. 5.0 speed, 300 bench, 475 squat.

DB Justin Edwards PS#195WR 6-1 170 Naaman Forest HS/Garland, TX. 4.5 speed. Two time All-District performer. Dallas -Fort Worth All-Area as a Senior when he totalled 107 tackles and 3 interceptions. Had 77 tackles and 7 interceptions as a Junior.

Rafael Eubanks PS#16OL 6-3 290 Cretin-Derham Hall HS/St Paul, MN. Gatorade Minnesota Player of the Year. 1st Team All-State player who allowed no sacks, recorded 120+ pancakes and graded out at over 85% as a blocker.

Shonn Greene PS#75RB 5-11 190 Milford Acad/ Sicklerville, NJ. 4.48 speed. Resigned with Hawkeyes after attending Milford Prep school in 2004. Rushed for 1,274 yards at Milford last year. Two time All-New Jersey performer who rushed for 1,378 yards (8.0) with 16 TD's as a Senior. Compiled 1,267 yards (5.7) with 18 TD's as Junior.

Vernon Jackson PS#383DL 6-1 255 Evans HS/Orlando, FL. Weightlifter with 375 bench and 275 clean and jerk. Recorded 72 tackles and 9 sacks as a Senior.

DL Alex Kanellis PS#13LB 6-4 255 West HS/Iowa City, IA. 4.68 speed, 25 reps of 225 bench, 31" verticle jump. Two time 1st Team All-Iowa. Rushed for 1,250 yards (6.4) and 12 TD's while recording 62 tackles on defense as a Senior. Won 3A state wrestling Title as a Junior but missed Senior wrestling season due to injury.

Andy Kuempel PS#124OL 6-7 270 Linn-Mar HS/ Marion, IA. 1st Team All-Iowa honoree as a Senior. Moved to OT after playing TE as a Junior. Made Iowa Junior Select Team as a basketball player on state championship team.

Tony Moeaki PS#2TE 6-4 235 Warrenville South HS/ Wheaton, IL. 4.7 speed. Participated in US Army All-Star game. 1st Team All-American by Riddell and 2nd Team by USA Today. An All-Illinois performer who had 465 receiving yards with 5 TD's as a Senior. Averaged 16.5 yards per reception in his career.

Dace Richardson PS#5OL 6-6 300 Warrenville South HS/Wheaton, IL. US Army All Star game. 5.0 speed. 20 reps of 225 bench. 1st Team All-Illinois player who piled up more than 40 pancake blocks as a Senior. 35 pancakes as a Jr.

Corey Robertson PS#30RB 6-1 195 Denison HS/ Dension, TX. 4.59 speed. 1st Team All-Texas 4A as a Senior when he rushed for 1,818 yards and 28 TD's. Texas 4A Offensive Player of the Year as a Junior after rushing for 2,159 yards and 31 TD's.

Chris Rowell PS#158DB 6-1 170 Warrensville HS/Warrensville Hts, OH. 4.46 speed, 32" verticle jump. 1st Team All-Ohio with 111 tackles, 20 tackles for loss, 8 sacks and 3 interceptions as a Senior. Sprinter on track team.

Trey Stross PS#24WR 6-3 190 Avon Lake HS/Avon Lake, OH. US Army All-Star game. 4.47 speed. Two time 1st Team All-OH and County MVP as a Senior when he caught 57 rec for 1,112 yards (19.5) and 14 TD's.

BJ Travers PS#50LB 6-1 243 Westlake HS/ Westlake, OH. Ohio Powerlifting champ. All-Ohio selection who played in just 6 games due to injury as a Senior but still racked up 87 tackles, 10 tackles for loss and 10 passes batted away.

Marcus Wilson PS#41WR 6-3 198 Camden Catholic HS/Cherry Hill, NJ. 4.5 speed. All South New Jersey performer who caught 34 passes for 810 yards (23.8) and 9 TD's on offense while recording 45 tackles with 4 int on defense as a Senior.

OL Marshal Yanda PS#65JC 6-4 310 North Iowa CC/Anamosa, IA. Two time All-Region player and Honorable Mention JC All-American as a Sophomore while playing both OG and OT. Here in spring '05 to add to team's OL depth. Two time 1st Team All-Conference performer in high school.

NFL DRAFT

2005

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	46	Matt Roth	DE	Miami
2	59	Jonathan Babineaux	DT	Atlanta
4	102	Sean Considine	FS	Philadelphia
6	196	Tony Jackson	TE	Seattle
6	214	Pete McMahon	OT	Oakland

2004

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	2	Robert Gallery	OT	Oakland
2	44	Bob Sanders	FS	Indianapolis
3	65	Nate Kaeding	K	San Diego
7	230	Jared Clauss	DT	Tennessee
7	237	Erik Jensen	TE	St Louis

2003

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	24	Dallas Clark	TE	Indianapolis
2	33	Eric Steinbach	OG	Cincinnati
2	50	Bruce Nelson	C	Carolina
5	140	Derek Pagel	FS	NY Jets
5	151	Ben Sobieski	OG	Buffalo

2002

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	56	Ladell Betts	RB	Washington
5	156	Aaron Kampman	DE	Green Bay
6	184	Kahlil Hill	WR	Atlanta

2001

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
6	190	Kevin Kasper	WR	Denver

2000

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
5	158	Austin Wheatley	TE	New Orleans
6	198	Matt Bowen	SS	St Louis

1999

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	70	Jared DeVries	DE	Detroit
6	200	Eric Thigpen	S	Atlanta

1998

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	78	Mike Goff	OG	Cincinnati
4	101	Tavian Banks	RB	Jacksonville
4	114	Tim Dwight	WR	Atlanta
5	144	Kerry Cooks	S	Minnesota

1997

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	9	Tommy Knight	CB	Arizona
1	30	Ross Verba	OT	Green Bay
3	61	Sedrick Shaw	RB	New England
4	119	Damien Robinson	FS	Philadelphia

1996

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	82	Scott Slutzker	TE	Indianapolis

IOWA DRAFT FACTS:

Iowa HC Kirk Ferentz can spot and develop NFL talent. Iowa has had 21 players drafted that played under Ferentz including 15 in the last 3 years which ranks 2nd in the Big 10 behind only Ohio State. Nine of the 21 players drafted in the Ferentz era have been linemen including the 2nd pick overall in 2004, OT Robert Gallery. Iowa has had a player drafted every year since 1977. The last Iowa QB drafted in the first 3 rounds, was Chuck Long in 1986.

LAST 6 BOWL GAMES PAST HISTORIES

2004/2005 CAPITAL ONE BOWL IOWA 30 LSU 25

LSU HC Nick Saban announced prior to the game that he was taking the Miami Dolphins HC job, so this was his last game. On Iowa's 1st possession, QB Drew Tate threw a 57 yd TD pass to Clinton Solomon, 7-0. LSU came back in the 2Q with 2 FG's, 7-6. Iowa scored on a 7 yd blocked punt return just before halftime to go up 14-6. LSU RB Broussard came back with a 74 yd TD run (xpng) with :38 left, 14-12 at the half. Iowa settled for a short FG for the only 3Q score. Iowa drove 72 yds in 10 plays for a TD with 12:48 left in the game, 24-12. LSU drove 74 yds in 11 plays and QB JaMarcus Russell hit a 22 yd TD pass to Skyler Green, 24-19. LSU then marched 69 yds in 12 plays and Russell hit Green again to go up 25-24 with 0:46 left. That was enough time for Tate as Iowa drove 71 yds in 3 plays, highlighted by a 56 yd TD pass from Tate to Warren Holloway to win the game with no time left.

2003/2004 OUTBACK BOWL IOWA 37 FLORIDA 17

Iowa had a 238-57 rush edge in this game. Iowa RB Fred Russell rushed for 150 yds and was named the Bowl MVP. UF QB Chris Leak hit Kelvin Kight with a 70 yd TD pass (the longest in Outback Bowl history) on their 2nd possession to go ahead 7-0. Iowa drove 63 yds in 9 plays for a TD with 3:56 left in the 1Q. The 2Q was all Iowa as PK Nate Kaeding hit a 47 yd FG, QB Nathan Chandler got a 5 yd TD run and Kaeding hit a 32 yd FG with 0:56 left to go up 20-7 at the half. UF continued to self destruct in the 2H as Iowa blocked a punt and recovered it for a TD, 27-7. UF drove 62 yds for a 48 yd FG but UI got a 34 yd TD run by Fred Russell, 34-10. Iowa added a 4Q 38 yd FG. UF got a 25 yd TD pass in garbage time to close the scoring.

2002/2003 ORANGE BOWL USC 38 IOWA 17

The more than 40,000 Iowa fans had little to cheer about as the biggest play of the day for the Hawkeyes was their first when CJ Jones returned the opening kickoff 100 yds for a TD setting an Orange Bowl record. After that, it was all USC. USC drove 79 yds in 4 plays to even it up on a 4 yd TD run by Justin Fargas. Both teams hit FG's, 10-10. Iowa drove to the USC 1 yd line with :10 left in the 1H, but a pass into the EZ was incomplete & 2 false start penalties pushed them back. Finally, a 29 yd FG was blocked, resulting in no points and a shift of momentum in the game. USC pulled away in the 2H with an 80 yd TD drive that ended on an 18 yd TD pass from Carson Palmer to Mike Williams, 17-10. USC drove 99 yds and Fargas got a 50 yd TD run to make it 24-10 after 3Q's. USC drove 85 yds for a TD in the 4Q, 31-10. Iowa finally broke through with an 80 yd drive that ended in an 18 yd TD pass from Brad Banks. USC drove 66 yds for a final TD to seal the win. Heisman winning QB Carson Palmer completed 21 of 31 passes for 303 yds. USC had a 30-18 first down edge and a 550-323 yardage edge in the game.

2001 ALAMO BOWL IOWA 19 TEXAS TECH 16

The Hawkeyes played ball control offense with a time of possession edge of 35:03-24:57 to keep Texas Tech's high powered offense off the field. Iowa's opening drive took up 9:15 of the 1Q and resulted in 36 yd FG which was the only score of the 1Q. Iowa RB Aaron Greving took the place of an injured Ladell Betts, and scored from 1 yd out in the 2Q, 10-0. TT hit a 50 yd FG as time expired in the 1H, 10-3. TT evened it up in the 2H on a 20 yd TD pass from Kliff Kingsbury to Wes Welker, 10-10. Then it turned into a game of FG's with Iowa K Nate Kaeding hitting a 31 yarder & a 46 yarder, 16-10. TT evened it up again with a 23 yarder & a 37 yarder. Iowa then drove 83 yds and Kaeding hit the 47 yarder that clinched the win. TT drove to midfield but Kingsbury was intercepted in the end zone. TT QB Kingsbury hit 29 of 49 passes for 309 yds but also threw 3 int's.

1997 SUN BOWL ARIZONA ST 17 IOWA 7

This was ASU's first bowl win in 10 years. Iowa was held to 10 first downs and only 209 total yards. The 1Q was scoreless. ASU got a 35 yd TD pass from bkup QB Steve Campbell and hit a 20 yd FG to lead 10-0 at the half. Iowa was held to only 30 yds in the 1H. ASU drove 58 yds in 6 plays for a 1 yd TD run by Mike Martin in the 3Q to go up 17-0. Iowa avoided the shutout with a 26 yd TD pass from Randy Reiners to Ricchard Carter with :49 left in the game.

1996 ALAMO BOWL IOWA 27 TEXAS TECH 0

Iowa dominated this game with a 23-13 FD edge and a 217-61 rush edge. On TT's 2nd offensive play, QB Zebbie Lethridge was intercepted by Iowa DB Plez Atkins. Iowa RB Sedrick Shaw powered to the 2 yd line and QB Matt Sherman took into the endzone for a TD (2 ptng), 6-0. In the 2Q, Iowa drove 80 yds and on 3rd and 7, Shaw got a 20 yd TD run, 14-0. Iowa added a 36 yd FG to make it 17-0 at the half. The 3Q was scoreless. Iowa got a 26 yd FG and a 14 yd TD run by bkup FB Rodney Filer to seal the win in the 4Q.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2005

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Spartans had to replace Jeff Smoker (#6DC) who left with the most career wins of any MSU QB (21) and is also MSU's leader in passing yards, total offense, TD passes, completions and attempts. In his first 2 years Damon Dowdell had 6 starts throwing for 1459 yards with a 12-6 ratio but twice in close losses on 3rd down threw incomplete passes when he could have run for a FD. After Dowdell did that vs LT in '03 he did not see action in any other games that season. Drew Stanton (PS#16), who was athletic enough to play mostly on special teams in '03 as the upman on punts, attempted just three passes for 39 yards and recorded 13 tackles but suffered a knee injury in the bowl and missed spring practice in 2004. That knee injury set him back at the start of August so Dowdell started the opener vs Rutgers and hit 22 of 39 for 270 yards but also threw an int that was ret'd 31 yards for a TD. The next week Stephen Reaves (PS#110, son of former NFL QB John), who was impressive in the scout team in 2003, got the start. Reaves had the strongest arm on the team and was the best pure passer. He hit just 9 of 19 for 183 yards vs CM and vs ND tossed 3 int's in the 1H and was benched. Stanton hit 8 of 12 for 110 yards vs the Irish and won the starting job. It was the first time since 1996 that the Spartans had three different starting QB's in the same season. In his first start, Stanton became the first QB to top 100 yards rushing here since Charlie Baggett in 1975. Later he set a school record with 410 yards total offense vs Minnesota. Stanton suffered a separated shoulder in the 1H vs Michigan. Dowdell started the next week vs Ohio St because he was more mobile than Reaves. Dowdell hit 29 of 46 for 262 yards in a close loss but after opening 6 of 14 vs Wisconsin, he was benched and Stanton, though he was far from 100%, came off the bench. Stanton did have 2 bad int's vs Penn St and had to take himself out after suffering blurred vision. In the season finale Stanton had 406 total yards. Dowdell departs and Reaves decided to transfer. Brian Hoyer (6-2 208 rFr PS#23) and true frosh Dominic Natale will compete for the #2 job. John Van Dam (6-3 212 So) adds depth. Stanton had surgery on his throwing shoulder, but should be 100% and is now experienced giving John L Smith his first returning starting QB since he was at Louisville.

DE Clifton Ryan

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 the Spartans had their weakest rush attack in at least 50 years as they avg'd just 97 ypg (3.2). Smith took the top two rushers, Jaren Hayes and Tyrell Dortch and moved them to the defense. Jason Teague, a player lacking exceptional size and speed, was then the top returning RB with 244 yards (5.2) and DeAndra "Turbo" Cobb, a dangerous returnman, was #2 with 172 (4.5) in 2003. It was thought that either the speedy Cobb or the good sized Jehuu Caulcrick (6-0 243) would take over the starting RB spot, but surprisingly Teague had 8 starts. Caulcrick moved to LB in late August but eventually settled back at RB but DNP in the opener. Caulcrick later fumbled inside the ND 1 and had problems getting into the EZ vs IN. Cobb became the first RB to top 100 yards in a game (205) during the season with 72 and 64 yd TD runs vs Michigan. Caulcrick spoke confidently prior to #4 Wisconsin and then backed it up with 146 yards on 13 carries while Teague added 112. Cobb had 128 in the season finale and led the team in rushing with 728 yards and an impressive 7.6 ypc. This year they must replace Cobb (#6 DC ATL) as well as Chad Simon (17 yds), but Caulcrick and Teague return. Also in the mix is Tony Howard (5-10 201 rFr, PS#108). It's possible that one of this year's true frosh including speedy Javon Ringer (PS#27, 4.35 spd) could end up as the starter. This unit has more experience but needs to find a break-away threat.

RECEIVERS - Last year almost the entire unit returned, but dropped passes plagued the unit with at least four vs Rutgers and eight vs Iowa. Agim Shabaj, who led the team in rec's in 2003 with 57 (12.1), sprained an ankle in the opener which bothered him most of the year (29 rec). He is a sprinter on the track team. Aaron Alexander (PS#20QB) who moved to WR in 2003 and was #2 with 522 rec yds was not 100% either and had just 15 rec's LY. Kyle Brown was #3 in 2003 with 29 rec's (16.6) but those numbers dropped to 23 (13.1). Jerramy Scott and Matt Trannon were the top two in rec's and both return. TE is a key component in Smith's offense and twice in his tenure at Louisville, he had a player lead all NCAA TE's in rec's. Last year he had numerous capable TE's with the best being Eric Knott (PS#1). Knott, however , was in and out of the doghouse all year and finished with just 19 rec's (16.7). The only losses this year are Knott and TE Jason Randall (11 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep are Deon Curry (6-1 205 rFr, PS#45), Diego Oquendo (5-9 178 Fr), Jeremy Orr (5-6 140 rFr, PS#125) and TE's Jamar Jones (6-3 217 So) and Kyle Sackrider (6-2 243 So). Last year the unit didn't play to its potential but they are my #8 rated group of receivers in 2005.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Spartans' O-line performance turnaround last year was aided by a mobile QB but was still impressive. In 2003 the OL paved the way for just 97 ypg rushing (3.2) while allowing 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and top OL Stefon Wheeler missed 3 games (ankle). The Spartans still rushed for 239 ypg with an outstanding 5.7 ypc while allowing just 8 sacks. This year they must replace RT Sean Poole (12 st, 1st Tm B10) and RG William Whitticker (#7DC GB, 12 st, 3 yr st'r, HM B10). Not only do 8 of the top 10 return, but Smith adds a couple of JUCO's and top-notch freshmen. This group is more experienced, but it will be difficult to match last year's exceptional numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Experience has had a lot to do with the effectiveness of the Spartan defensive front. In 2002 an inexperienced group allowed 4.7 ypc rushing but with almost everyone back in 2003, they trimmed that to 3.2 while the D recorded 45 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and regressed allowing 4.4 ypc rushing with 20 sacks. This year they must replace DT Kevin Vickerson (#7DC MIA, 11 st, 46 tkl, 4.5 sk) and DE Clifford Dukes (9 st, 21 tkl, 2.5 sk). Six of the top eight do return and I expect Domata Peko to be more effective as he greatly increased his strength as he benched just 225 when he arrived to 315 by year's end. Not listed in the 3 deep are DE Derrick Outlaw (6-3 243 So, PS#123) and DT Tramonte Pointer (5-10 294 So). This is a more experienced and improved unit in 2005.

LINEBACKERS - The Spartans had to replace one starter and two backups who combined for 4 starts last year, and then lost their top LB Seth Mitchell for the season. Smith called the lone returning starter Ronald Stanley "our best football player" and he led the team with 125 tackles and 9 tfl. Stanley must be replaced along with Tyrell Dortch (8 st, PS#4RB, 44 tkl, 6 tfl), Marshall Campbell (6 tkl) and Tyrone McKenzie (3 tkl). Not listed are Rob Tabatchnick (5-11 210 So), Marcus Calverley (5-11 228 rFr), Devin Pritchett (6-2 239 So) and Kyle Smith (6-2 206 rFr). The big question mark is whether or not Mitchell will be able to return. They move SS Eric Smith who was called the "heart and soul of the secondary" to BANDIT and two backups are VHT's, so this unit is more talented and experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Spartans had to replace three starters from the secondary in 2003 and dropped to #69 in my pass D rankings. That year star SS Eric Smith only had 9 starts due to injury. Last year three starters returned and they moved their top RB Jaren Hayes to CB, so the unit was more experienced. The Spartans moved up to #49 allowing 54.9%. This year they move SS Smith to LB and also must replace FS Jason Harmon (12 st, 105 tkl, 3 int) and CB Roderick Maples (12 st, 73 tkl, 16 pbu). Although three of my projected starters are VHT's, the CB's are on the short side and there's not a great deal of proven experience which will make a rise in the rankings difficult.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Smith always has exceptional special teams units playing mostly starters and spending a lot of practice time on them. His Louisville team had a #16 finish in my special teams rankings in 2001 and #8 in 2002 as they blocked 9 punts that year. Smith inherited a unit that was just #99. In Smith's first year here, K Dave Rayner and P Brandon Fields put forth excellent seasons. Rayner hit 12 FG's in a row which was one away from the school record when he missed a 57 yarder and his 22 FG's tied a school record. DeAndra Cobb had 3 KR TD's. Smith noted in 2003 that the team would take time to develop the punt block group, and they had just one that year. MSU finished #1 in my combined special teams rankings in 2003 and had practically everyone back LY. Fields averaged 47.9 per boot but had 3 blocked. Rayner only had 5 punts as the pooch punter and the team's net dropped from 40.7 to 37.1. Fields was still one of three finalists for the Ray Guy Award although Smith threw the job open this spring saying he outkicked his coverage last year (team allowed 16.0 ypc) and needed to increase his hang time. They dropped "all the way" to #22 last year. This year they must replace their all-time leading scorer, Dave Rayner (#6DC IND), who hit 22 of 31 with a long of 53 with 5 of his misses from 50+. Rayner also recorded a lot of TB's on KO's with his booming leg. JUCO K/P John Goss hit a 58 yard FG in a spring scrimmage LY, was the #2 JUCO punter in '03 with a 44.2 average and had 95% TB's on KO's. They also lose KR Cobb who averaged 27.2 and 24.1 the last two years. Those are two significant losses and MSU may drop a little in the rankings, but I still expect them to field a quality unit.

COACHES - Head Coach John L Smith is in his 3rd year here and 17th year overall with a 123-72 career record. Last year was just his 2nd losing season as head coach and he also had a streak of 7 straight bowl games snapped. His OC is Dave Baldwin who was San Jose St's head coach from 1997-2000. DC Chris Smeland followed Smith from Louisville and is now in his 3rd year at that position who also coaches the safeties.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2003 I commented that John L Smith was stepping into a great situation as he inherited 14 starters with just 17 lettermen lost from the most underachieving team in the NCAA and that teams tend to buy into new coach's programs more quickly when they have early season success. They opened 7-1 vs a soft early slate and for the first time since 1968 went into the Michigan game with a better record than the Wolverines. That 2003 squad was +11 in turnovers and finished 8-5 despite being outgained by 14.1 ypg in Big 10 play. If Drew Stanton had been healthy the entire 2004 season may have been different, but Smith suffered just his 2nd losing season in 16 years as a HC. A key play here or there could helped them avoid the losing season as they suffered 3 tough losses. They led Michigan 27-10 with 8:43 left, led OSU 19-17 with 3:06 left, and vs Hawaii they were hurt by some questionable officiating (16 penalties to UH's 5). Despite their 4-4 record, the Spartans actually outgained Big 10 foes by 113.4 ypg which was the BEST mark in the league. That plus the fact they were -10 in turnovers (see page 312) has me calling them a surprise team this year. They should definitely get back to the winning side of the ledger and a bowl, and could pull a surprise or two vs the Big 10's powerhouses.

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2005 Schedule Difficulty-#20

Date	Opponent	TURF	Final Score MSU	Final Score Opp
Sep. 3	Kent St	G		
Sep. 10	Hawaii	G		
Sep. 17	at Notre Dame	G		
Sep. 24	at Illinois	A		
Oct. 1	Michigan	G		
Oct. 8				
Oct. 15	at Ohio St	G		
Oct. 22	Northwestern (HC)	G		
Oct. 29	Indiana	G		
Nov. 5	at Purdue	G		
Nov. 12	at Minnesota	A		
Nov. 19	Penn St	G		
Nov. 26				

WR Jerramy Scott

JOHN L. SMITH (Career 123-72)

3rd Yr at Michigan St — Smith's SU Bowl Record: 1-6

2004 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (18,19,2)
Lost: 21 (8,12,1)

2004 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 73,602

	HC	OC	DC
2004	John L Smith	Dave Baldwin	Chris Smeland
2003	John L Smith	Dave Baldwin	Chris Smeland
2002	Bobby Williams	Morris Watts	Bill Miller
2001	Bobby Williams	Morris Watts	Bill Miller
2000	Bobby Williams	Morris Watts	Bill Miller
1999	Nick Saban	Morris Watts	Bill Miller
1998	Nick Saban	Gary Tranquill	Chris Cush
1997	Nick Saban	Gary Tranquill	Dean Pees

LAST 7 YEARS BIG 10 RANKINGS

	Big 10 Record	Finished	Total OFF	Total DEF	Avg Score in Big 10 Play
2004	4-4	#5 (T)	477	364	31.6-28.5
2003	5-3	#4 (T)	379	394	31.1-23.9
2002	2-6	#8 (T)	359	455	24.3-39.3
2001	3-5	#8 (T)	415	409	27.9-29.8
2000	2-6	#10 (T)	370	332	15.4-22.3
1999	6-2	#2 (T)	341	304	30.0-21.4
1998	4-4	#6	375	349	27.9-24.1

TOP 5 CAREER RECORD LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
1. Jeff Smoker 8,932	1. Lorenzo White 4,887	1. Andre Rison 2,992
2. Dave Yarema 5,809	2. Tico Duckett 4,212	2. Charles Rogers 2,821
3. Ed Smith 5,706	3. Blake Ezor 3,749	3. Kirk Gibson 2,347
4. Bill Burke 5,463	4. Sedrick Irvin 3,504	4. Courtney Hawkins 2,210
5. Jim Miller 5,037	5. TJ Duckett 3,379	5. Plaxico Burress 2,155

LAST 10 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	OPPONENT	SCORE
89	Gator	Georgia	27-34
89	Aloha	Hawaii	33-13
90	John Hancock	USC	17-6
93	Liberty	Louisville	7-18
95	Independence	LSU	26-45
96	Sun	Stanford	0-38
97	Aloha	Washington	23-51
99	Citrus	Florida	37-34
01	Silicon Valley	Fresno St	44-35
03	Alamo	Nebraska	3-17

Michigan St's All-Time SU Bowl Record 7-10

Last 6 Big 10 Titles
1990 1966
1987 1965
1978 1953

AP/Cch/UPI Nat'l Champs
1965
1952

STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (72,027)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	10 Yr Total
Record	6-4-1	6-5	7-4	6-6	9-2	5-6	6-5	4-8	8-4	5-7	62-51-1
Home	3-3	5-1	4-2	5-2	6-0	4-2	4-2	3-5	5-2	4-2	43-21
Away	3-1-1	1-4	3-2	1-4	3-2	1-4	2-3	1-3	3-2	1-5	19-30-1

MICHIGAN ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 10 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	29.4	22	239	5.7	222	58.6	15.6	-10	2004	5	27.2	19	172	4.4	209	54.9	14.0
6*	27.9	19	97	3.2	270	61.7	13.2	+11	2003	8	22.5	21	125	3.2	255	54.2	16.9
8*	26.3	21	142	4.0	229	55.2	14.1	-7	2002	7	33.2	21	214	4.7	189	49.4	12.1
6*	31.2	23	155	3.7	293	59.4	14.3	-1	2001	5	25.9	20	181	4.4	206	52.1	14.9
4	17.9	21	170	3.9	196	54.1	20.5	-8	2000	6	21.2	16	154	4.0	164	51.6	15.0
9*	31.5	19	147	3.8	222	55.6	11.7	-3	1999	8	20.4	17	76	2.3	229	52.6	14.9
4	28.0	20	129	3.2	246	54.1	13.4	+3	1998	8	24.5	19	172	4.2	192	48.8	14.8
6*	28.5	20	187	4.3	192	59.6	13.3	0	1997	9	19.8	16	131	3.6	185	53.0	16.0
5	29.8	21	178	3.7	222	57.5	13.4	-12	1996	8	25.2	17	124	3.2	189	55.5	12.4
6	23.9	19	152	3.8	224	61.0	15.7	-5	1995	5	28.2	22	212	4.6	197	52.4	14.5

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeAndra Cobb	96	752	24	728	4	7.6
Jason Teague	**150**	**716**	**28**	**688**	**8**	**4.6**
Drew Stanton	**96**	**718**	**31**	**687**	**5**	**7.2**
Jehuu Caulcrick	**113**	**629**	**10**	**619**	**5**	**5.5**
Damon Dowdell	20	146	16	130	0	6.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Drew Stanton	**220**	**141**	**64.1**	**1601**	**8**	**6**
Damon Dowdell	114	66	57.9	657	4	6
Stephen Reeves	58	23	39.7	331	2	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jerramy Scott	**39**	**444**	**11.4**	**3**	**36**
Matt Trannon	**36**	**405**	**11.2**	**2**	**57**
Eric Knott	19	318	16.7	5	54
Agim Shabaj	**29**	**308**	**10.6**	**1**	**28**
Kyle Brown	**23**	**302**	**13.1**	**1**	**44**
Jason Teague	**28**	**219**	**7.8**	**2**	**30**
Terry Love	21	258	12.3	1	56
Aaron Alexander	**15**	**178**	**11.9**	**0**	**36**
Jason Randall	11	121	11.0	0	29
DeAndra Cobb	7	10	1.4	0	10

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brandon Fields	**50**	**2394**	**47.9**	**0**	**TM**	**1**	**13**
Dave Rayner	5	172	34.4		**37.1**	0	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dave Rayner	39-39	13-15	2-3	5-6	2-7	22-31	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ronald Stanley	125	2	7	1	0
Eric Smith	**115**	**0**	**3**	**9**	**0**
Jason Harmon	105	0	1	5	3
David Herron Jr	**95**	**3**	**5**	**2**	**0**
Roderick Maples	73	1	1	16	1
Jaren Hayes	**68**	**1**	**1**	**8**	**1**
Kevin Vickerson	46	4.5	6	1	0
Tyrell Dortch	44	3	3	4	2
Brandon McKinney	**42**	**0.5**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Clifton Ryan	**41**	**2.5**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Kaleb Thornhill	**32**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Clifford Dukes	21	2.5	1	0	0
Greg Cooper	**17**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**0**
Michael Bazemore	**17**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Domata Peko	**14**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Ashton Watson	**10**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
R Tabatchnick	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Chad Simon	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Joe Toth	**6**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
M Campbell	**6**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kyle Brown	**20**	**163**	**8.1**	**0**
Agim Shabaj	**18**	**147**	**8.2**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeAndra Cobb	36	869	24.1	1

2004 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Rutgers	16	22-90	4.1	22-39	270	2	21	50-174	3.5	20-34	241	1	-2
C Michigan	19	44-213	4.8	10-22	192	0	14	44-236	5.4	10-30	93	1	0
Notre Dame	18	35-165	4.7	15-34	176	1	19	48-173	3.6	11-24	215	2	-3
at Indiana	18	48-241	5.0	15-23	172	1	12	37-105	2.8	12-22	153	2	0
at Iowa	27	36-204	5.7	29-54	245	1	20	27-124	4.6	25-37	340	1	0
Illinois	29	46-253	5.5	23-30	234	0	18	39-234	6.0	15-25	144	2	+1
Minnesota	31	52-324	6.2	21-32	312	0	16	29-102	3.5	11-33	211	3	-1
at Michigan	25	57-368	6.5	18-26	167	1	27	44-223	5.1	24-35	273	4	+1
Ohio St	22	34-145	4.3	29-46	262	0	12	35-169	4.8	13-21	138	1	-2
Wisconsin	21	44-430	9.8	10-20	121	1	23	41-217	5.3	21-39	179	2	0
at Penn St	17	33-161	4.9	20-40	177	0	18	50-192	3.8	11-19	105	1	-4
at Hawaii	26	49-268	5.5	22-33	330	1	23	23-120	5.2	29-49	416	0	0
TOTALS	269	500-2862	5.7	234-399	2658	8	223	467-2069	4.4	202-368	2508	20	-10
AVERAGES	22.4	42-239	5.7	20-33	222	0.7	18.6	39-172	4.4	17-31	209	1.7	-0.8

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Oregon	27-20 W
E Michigan	51-7 W
at Notre Dame	23-13 W
at Illinois	27-10 W
Iowa	49-3 W
Michigan	34-31 W
at Purdue	28-52 L
at Wisconsin	10-40 L
Ohio St	23-7 W
at Northwestern	34-0 W
Penn St	35-28 W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Marshall	34-24 W
at Missouri	13-10 W
Notre Dame	27-21 W
Northwestern	17-37 L
at Iowa	16-21 L
Wisconsin	10-17 L
at Michigan	0-14 L
Illinois	14-10 W
at Ohio St	13-27 L
Purdue	30-10 W
at Penn St	23-42 L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
C Michigan	35-21 W
at Notre Dame	17-10 W
at Northwestern	26-27 L
Iowa	31-28 W
at Minnesota	19-28 L
at Wisconsin	42-28 W
Michigan	26-24 W
Indiana	28-37 L
at Purdue	14-24 L
Penn St	37-42 L
Missouri	55-7 W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
E Michigan	56-7 W
Rice	27-10 W
California	22-46 L
Notre Dame	17-21 L
Northwestern	39-24 W
at Iowa	16-44 L
Minnesota	7-28 L
Wisconsin	24-42 L
at Michigan	3-49 L
at Indiana	56-21 W
Purdue	42-45 L
at Penn St	7-61 L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
W Michigan	26-21 W
Rutgers	44-28 W
Louisiana Tech	19-20 L
at Notre Dame	22-16 W
Iowa	20-10 W
Indiana	31-3 W
at Illinois	49-14 W
at Minnesota	44-38 W
Michigan	20-27 L
at Ohio St	23-33 L
at Wisconsin	21-56 L
Penn St	41-10 W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at Rutgers	14-19 L
C Michigan	24-7 W
Notre Dame	24-31 L
at Indiana	30-20 W
at Iowa	16-38 L
Illinois	38-25 W
Minnesota	51-17 W
at Michigan	3OT 37-45 L
Ohio St	19-32 L
Wisconsin	49-14 W
at Penn St	13-37 L
at Hawaii	38-41 L

MICHIGAN ST 2005 DEPTH CHART

RB Jason Teague

OFFENSE

WR
#6 MATT TRANNON SR.
6-6 225 **PS#16TE**
6th man on hoops team.11 sts, 36 rec (11.2) LY. 11 gms, 6 sts, 28 rec (9.2) in '03. Partial qualifier in '02.
#18 TERRY LOVE SO.
5-11 172 **PS#45**
4.43 speed. 10 gms, 3 sts, 21 rec (12.3) slowed by nagging inj's as rFr.

RB
#30 JEHUU CAULCRICK SO.
6-0 243 **PS#55**
4.41 speed. 11 gms, 619 yds (5.5) LY. 3x Scout Tm Def POW as LB as true.
#20 JASON TEAGUE SR.
5-9 199 **PS#331**
12 gms, 8 sts, 688 yds (4.6), 28 rec (7.8) LY. 1st, 13 gms, 244 yds (5.2), 7 rec (6.3) in '03. 13 gms, 51 min on sp tms as true.

SLOT
#2 AGIM SHABAJ SR.
5-10 185 **PS#33**
4.37 speed. Sprinter on track tm. 11 gms, 5 sts, 29 rec (10.6) nagging ankle inj most of LY. 12 sts, #1 rec with 57 (12.1) in '03.
#32 JERRAMY SCOTT JR.
5-10 185 **PS#71**
12 gms, 9 sts, #1 rec with 39 rec (11.4) LY. 2 sts, 19 rec (11.2) as rFr. Moved from TB to WR.

K
#11 JOHN GOSS JR.
6-3 214 **PS#171JC**
#1 K out of spring. RS'd LY. Hit 58 yd'r in practice. Also P.
#26 KYLE MAYER JR.
6-1 211 **PS#79**
May handle KO's. Walk-on. 6-10 FG's L/47, 80% of KO's were TB's as HS Sr.

WR
#3 KYLE BROWN SR.
6-1 207 **PS#6**
10 sts, 23 rec (13.1), 20 PR (8.1), team captain LY. 7 sts, 29 rec (16.6) in '03. 9 gms, 44.5 min despite not being 100% as true. Torn ACL as HS Sr.
#10 AARON ALEXANDER SR.
6-5 200 **PS#20**
12 gms, 4 sts. 15 rec (11.9) but not 100% LY. 9 sts, 44 rec (11.9) after moving from QB to WR in '03. 62 ttl yds at QB as rFr until broken foot.

QB
#5 DREW STANTON JR.
6-3 228 **PS#16**
HM Big 10, 7 sts LY (inj), 1601 pass yds (64%), 8-6 ratio, 716 rush, #3 B10 pass effic. Torn ACL while playing sp tms in bowl, 91 yds as #2 QB as rFr.
#7 BRIAN HOYER rFR.
6-2 208 **PS#23**
#2 QB in spring. +25 lbs in RS season. Snaps with #1 offense in August as true.

TE
#80 KELLEN DAVIS SO.
6-6 244 **PS#6**
4.7 speed to stretch the field. 10 gms, 1 rec as rue.
#89 RYAN WOODS SR.
6-4 259 **PS#73**
12 gms, 1 rec LY. 5 gms due to knee inj in '03. 1 st, 8 rec (7.8), 131.5 min as rFr. 1 st, 3 rec (11.0) but RS due to knee inj as true.

RT
#66 MIKE GYETVAI SO.
6-7 305 **PS#526**
2nd string RT, bothered by nagging ankle inj LY. Top rookie in '03 bowl practices. Canadian.
#NA KENNY SHANE JR.
6-5 283 **PS#54JC**
In for summer. An OL that can run. JC AA in '04.

RG
#71 GORDON NIEBYLSKI SR.
6-3 314 **PS#92**
3 sts at LT, 12 gms. 6th man on OL LY. 1st at LT, 9 gms, 2nd string in '03. 7 gms, 18.5 min as rFr.
#73 ROLAND MARTIN rFR.
6-5 318 **PS#2**
Snaps with #1 OL in spring. In shape after arriving at 368 lbs in August '04.

C
#51 CHRIS MORRIS SR.
6-4 298 **PS#85**
OL's leader. **HM Big 10**, 12 sts at C LY. 13 sts at C in '03. 2nd string, 86.5 min as rFr.
#54 JOHN MASTERS SO.
6-4 287 **PS#212**
Lost 40-50 lbs in offseason. 2nd string LY.

LG
#74 KYLE COOK JR.
6-3 293 **PS#53**
450 bench.12 sts at LG LY. 3 gms at C as rFr. 3x Scout Tm Off POW as true. Mean streak.
#77 DANIEL ZYNN JR.
6-2 321 **PS#144JC**
Moved from DT to OG in spring. RS in '04. 5.1 speed.

LT
#72 STEFON WHEELER SR.
6-5 320 **PS#460**
9 sts at LT (missed 3 inj) LY. Improved conditioning. 10 sts at LT until inj in '03. L/3 sts at LT as rFr.
#68 TOM KACZMAREK rFR.
6-5 297 **PS#499DL**
2nd string but still RS'd as true. Arrived in spring '04 & +28 lbs by Sept. Canadian.

DEFENSE

DE
#92 CLIFTON RYAN JR.
6-2 294 **PS#33LB**
4.7 speed. 11 sts, 41 tkls, 7 tfl, 7 qbh LY. 13 gms, 2 sts, 16 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr.
#95 JUSTIN KERSHAW rFR.
6-4 265 **PS#158DL**
4.6 speed. Great first step. 27 tfl as HS Sr. #1 OH in discus & shot put.

DT
#96 DOMATA PEKO SR.
6-2 310 **PS#10JC**
12 gms, 14 tkls, 2 qbh LY, improved bench from 225 to 315. JCAA, 24 tfl at JC in '03.
#98 BOBBY JONES JR.
6-4 296 **PS#31JC**
Here in spring. 4.71 speed, 330 bench. 12 tfl at JC LY.

#99 BRANDON MCKINNEY SR.
6-3 315 **PS#46**
12 sts, 42 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 qbh. Smith openly questioned conditioning after '04 season. Med RS in '03. 4 sts, 26 tkls, 3 tfl, 151 min in '02. Partial qualifier as true.
#70 JOE TOTH SO.
6-2 284 **PS#386OL**
7 gms, 1 st, 6 tkls LY. OL on Scout Tm as a true. Florida heavyweight wrestling champ in HS.

#40 MICHAEL BAZEMORE SR.
6-3 263 **PS#37**
10 gms, 4 sts, 17 tkls, 2 tfl LY. +45 lbs at MSU. 5 gms, 4 tkls in '03. LB 1st 2 years. 6 gms, 60 min, 9 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr.
#93 NICK SMITH SO.
6-6 269 **PS#139**
7 gms, 4 tkls, 1 pbu as true. 4.8 speed. Added 70 lbs onto bench (415). Groomed to be '06 starter.

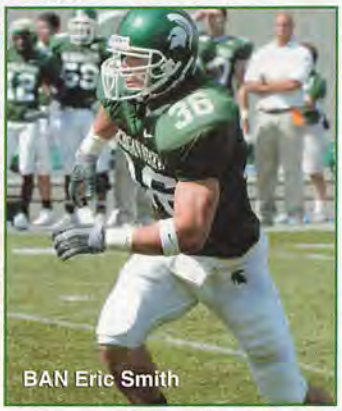
CB
#31 JAREN HAYES SR.
5-9 180 **PS#30RB**
4.32 speed, 400 bench. Matched vs opponent's top WR all LY, 12 sts, 68 tkls, 2 tfl, 8 pbu. #1 rush with 609 yds (4.2) and MSU RB record 48 rec (8.6) in '03. 12 gms, 340 yds (5.6) as true.
#NA DEMOND WILLIAMS JR.
5-9 174 **PS#146JC**
4.35 speed. 4 int as So at JC. RB as Fr. Played QB in HS.

OLB
#41 DAVID HERRON JR.
6-1 250 **PS#175RB**
11 sts, 95 tkls, 8 tfl, 2 pbu LY. 13 gms, 8 tkls as rFr. Maurice Clarett's blocking FB in HS.
#55 DWAYNE HOLMES rFR.
6-0 245 **PS#33**
4.7 speed. +25 lbs at MSU. RB as HS Sr.

MLB
#43 KALEB THORNHILL SO.
6-1 237 **PS#171**
12 gms, 4 sts, 32 tkls, 4 tfl LY. Added 25 lbs and cut 40 from 4.7 to 4.6 as true. Dad is MSU legend Charlie "Mad Dog" Thornhill.
#52 ERIC ANDINO SO.
6-4 237 **PS#39**
Received a lot of reps in spring to build depth at LB. 5 gms, 6 tkls as true.

BAN
#36 ERIC SMITH SR.
6-1 193 **PS#301DB**
Moved to Bandit in spring. 11 sts at SS, 115 tkls, 3 tfl, 9 pbu LY. 9 sts (inj) at SS, 69 tkls, 5 tfl, 9 pbu, 2 int in '03. L/5 sts at FS, 38 tkls as rFr.
#27 SIR DAREAN ADAMS SO.
6-0 220 **PS#60QB**
4.4 speed. 12 gms mostly sp tms, 1 blk'd FG, 2 tkls as true. HS QB.

CB
#12 ASHTON WATSON SR.
5-11 186 **PS#61**
10 gms, 10 tkls, 1 int LY. 1st 2 sts, 14 tkls, 1 pbu in '03. 11 gms, L/3 sts, 20 tkls, 2 pbu, 1 int, 185 min as true.
#23 BRYAN BRIGHTON rFR.
5-10 196 **PS#89**
4.4 speed. #2 CB in spring. #1 MI Div II 100 (10.82) in HS.


BAN Eric Smith

FS
#29 GREG COOPER JR.
5-11 187 **PS#11**
12 gms, 2 sts, 17 tkls, 5 pbu LY. 10 gms, 4 sts (3 at FS, 1 at CB), 34 tkls, 4 pbu, 1 int as true. Originally signed at Michigan.
#38 COLE COREY SO.
5-10 194 **PS#325**
4.5 speed. 8 gms, 2 tkls as rFr. Tied national record with 3 KR TD's in 1 gm in HS.

P
#8 BRANDON FIELDS JR.
6-6 235 **PS#37**
1st TM AA & Big 10, Ray Guy finalist, #1 NCAA 47.9 avg, team net 37.1. 1st Tm Big 10, #2 NCAA with 46.4 avg, 40.7 net in '03.
#11 JOHN GOSS JR.
6-3 214 **PS#171JC**
RS LY. #2 JC with 44.2 avg, long of 57. Also K.

SS
#28 MICHAEL BELL SO.
5-11 189 **PS#30WR**
4.4 speed. 9 gms, 3 tkls as true. WR on Scout Tm. Graduated from HS early.
#26 TOM DANCE rFR.
6-1 202 **PS#174**
4.4 speed. Played in opener LY but kept RS. FS on Scout Tm. QB in HS. #1 PA 110M hurdles.

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Offensive Coor/TE: Dave Baldwin, 3rd year
Baldwin is best remembered for his tenure as the HC of San Jose St ('97-00) where he compiled a record of 18-27. He came to MSU after serving as the OC/QB coach at Baylor in '02 and the OC at Cincinnati in '01.

Quarterbacks: Doug Nussmeier, 3rd year
A 4 year starter at QB at Idaho under where he joined Steve McNair and Daunte Culpepper as the only QB's in NCAA history to throw for 10,000 and run for 1,000. After a 5 year professional career Nussmeier served in the CFL as Ottawa's OC/QB coach in '02 and as the BC Lions QB coach in '01.

Running Backs: Ben Sirmans, 1st year
Sirmans was hired in February '05 after serving as Kent St's RB coach from '00-04. He got his start in the college coaching ranks as the RB coach/recruiting coordinator at Maine from '96-99.

Wide Receivers: Jim McElwain, 3rd year
Followed Smith from Louisville as he served as the WR coach/special teams coordinator there from 2000-02. McElwain has OC experience having served as Div IAA Montana St's OC from '95-'99.

Offensive Line: Jeff Stoutland, 6th year
Senior member of the MSU staff who survived the transition from Bobby Williams to Smith. Stoutland also served as the Syracuse OL coach in '99 and the TE coach there in '97-98.

DEFENSE

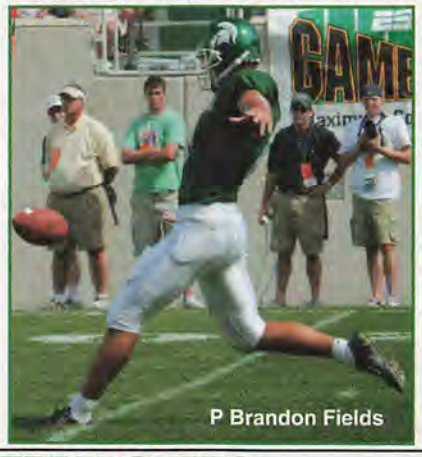
Defensive Coor: Chris Smeland, 3rd year
Smith's DC for the L10Y including stops at Louisville ('98-'02) where his team led the NCAA in sacks his last 3 years here and Utah St ('95-97). He also was the DC at Hawaii ('92-94) and at Kent St ('88-'90) in his long career.

Defensive Line: Lucious Selmon, 1st year
Hired in March '05 following 8 years of experience as an NFL assistant under Tom Coughlin with the Jacksonville Jaguars from '95-'02. Selmon spent 19 yrs as an assistant at Oklahoma where he was an All American NG in 1973.

Linebackers: Mike Cox, 3rd year
Cox has been a LB coach under Smith for the past 16 years including stops at Louisville, Utah St and his alma mater Idaho.

Defensive Backs: Chuck Driesbach, 1st year
The well travelled Driesbach has spent the last 3 seasons as Ole Miss's DC under David Cutcliffe. Previously he was the DC at TCU ('01), W Michigan's ('97-00) and Pitt ('93-96).

Strength: Ken Mannie, 11th year
Joined the Spartans staff in December '94 after a successful 9 year career as Toledo's strength coach. Mannie worked with Nick Saban previously at the MAC school in '90.



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GAME BY GAME TEAM STATS

VERSUS	RUTGERS	C MICH	ND	IND	IOWA	ILL	MINN	MICH	OHIO ST	WISC	PENN ST	HAWAII	TOTALS
SCORE	14	24	24	30	16	38	51	37	19	49	13	38	353
FD's	16	19	18	18	27	29	31	25	22	21	17	26	269
TOTAL YARDS	360	405	341	413	449	487	636	535	407	551	338	598	5520
RUSH YARDS	22-90	44-213	35-165	48-241	36-204	46-253	52-324	57-368	34-145	44-430	33-161	49-268	500-2862
PASS YARDS	270	192	176	172	245	234	312	167	262	121	177	330	2658
COM-ATT	22-39	10-22	15-34	15-23	29-54	23-30	21-32	18-26	29-46	10-20	20-40	22-33	234-399
INT	1	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	3	1	5	0	17
SACKS VS/Yds	2-10	0-0	1-2	1-5	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-4	0-0	1-3	0-0	1-5	8-32
FUMBLES/Lost	2-2	0-0	5-3	3-0	2-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	16-6
OPPONENTS STATS													
SCORE	19	7	31	20	38	25	17	45	32	14	37	41	326
FD's	21	14	19	12	20	18	16	27	12	23	18	23	223
TOTAL YARDS	415	329	388	258	464	378	313	496	307	396	297	536	4577
RUSH YARDS	50-174	44-236	48-173	37-105	27-124	39-234	29-102	44-223	35-169	41-217	50-192	23-120	467-2069
PASS YARDS	241	93	215	153	340	144	211	273	138	179	105	416	2508
COM-ATT	20-34	10-30	11-24	12-22	25-37	15-25	11-33	24-35	13-21	21-39	11-19	29-49	202-368
INT	1	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	8
SACKS BY/Yds	1-4	1-12	2-2	2-13	1-7	2-15	3-20	4-37	1-7	2-10	1-8	0-0	20-135
FUMBLES/Lost	1-0	0-0	2-2	2-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	0-0	13-6

INDIVIDUAL GAME PERFORMANCES

RUSHING	RUT	CM	ND	IND	IOWA	ILL	MINN	MICH	OSU	WIS	PSU	HAW
DeAndra Cobb	5-19-0	5-31-0	3-3-0	1-9-0	5-52-0	9-93-1	13-60-0	22-205-2	6-11-0	5-78-1	6-39-0	16-128-0
Jason Teague	13-79-0	20-74-1	6-21-0	17-49-1	13-51-0	10-38-0	6-53-1	12-57-1	11-69-0	17-112-1	12-51-0	13-34-3
Drew Stanton	–	2-43-0	8-49-1	12-134-2	15-89-1	11-37-0	13-102-0	12-80-1	–	4-21-0	7-56-0	12-76-0
Jehuu Caulcrick	–	15-67-0	15-85-0	14-54-0	3-12-0	16-85-0	13-94-2	3-(-1)-0	9-33-0	13-146-1	6-12-0	6-32-1
PASSING												
Drew Stanton	–	1-3-0	8-12-0	15-23-2	29-54-0	21-28-0	20-31-2	10-13-0	–	3-5-0	12-19-2	22-32-0
(Com-Att-Ints-Yds-TD)	–	9-0	110-0	172-0	245-0	199-3	308-3	95-0		44-1	89-0	330-1
Damon Dowdell	22-39-1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29-46-3	6-14-1	1-2-1	–
	270-2								262-1	47-1	6-0	
RECEIVING												
Jerramy Scott	2-20-0	1-8-0	3-71-0	2-6-0	7-50-0	4-45-1	7-74-0	–	4-32-1	2-11-0	2-20-1	5-107-0
Matt Trannon	5-77-0	–	2-27-0	6-94-0	4-45-0	3-12-0	2-32-0	4-18-0	4-35-0	3-46-1	–	3-19-0
Eric Knott	3-62-1	2-59-0	1-7-0	1-2-0	2-23-0	–	2-61-2	3-38-0	–	2-30-1	1-8-0	2-28-1
Agim Shabaj	3-33-0	–	2-14-0	1-28-0	–	5-56-1	4-34-0	3-34-0	4-49-0	1-11-0	2-16-0	4-33-0
Kyle Brown	1-10-0	6-123-1	3-43-0	–	3-7-0	–	1-14-0	1-(-5)-0	2-37-0	–	5-47-0	1-26-0
Jason Teague	5-49-0	–	4-14-0	3-19-0	2-11-0	1-6-1	1-8-0	–	4-30-0	1-30-1	4-27-0	3-25-0

MICHIGAN ST'S 2005 ROSTER

#	Name	Year	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown
27	Sir Darean Adams	SO	DB	6-0	220	Bradenton, FL
10	Aaron Alexander	SR	WR	6-5	200	Richmond, VA
52	Eric Andino	SO	LB	6-4	237	Arlington Hts, IL
55	Mike Bacon	FR	OL	6-4	278	Lansing, MI
40	Michael Bazemore	SR	DE	6-3	263	Philadelphia, PA
20	Ashley Beaudouin	SO	S	6-0	206	Lansing, MI
28	Mike Bell	SO	S	5-11	189	Shaker Hts, OH
35	Kiel Beltinck	JR	DB	5-9	208	Mt Pleasant, MI
36	Jacob Bishop	FR	RB	5-11	181	Midland, MI
15	Todd Boleski	FR	P	6-6	203	Dearborn Hts, MI
23	Bryan Brighton	FR	CB	5-10	196	Allen Park, MI
3	Kyle Brown	SR	WR	6-1	207	W Bloomfield, MI
56	Brian Bury	JR	SN	6-0	242	Marion, OH
59	Marcus Calverley	FR	LB	5-11	228	E Lansing, MI
19	Irving Campbell	SO	WR	5-11	184	Lake Worth, FL
30	Jehuu Caulcrick	SO	RB	6-0	243	Findley Lake, NY
75	Pete Clifford	SO	OT	6-7	317	Salem, NH
60	Ryan Connor	FR	OL	6-2	287	Plymouth, MI
74	Kyle Cook	JR	OG	6-3	293	Macomb, MI
29	Greg Cooper	JR	S	5-11	187	Flint, MI
33	Mike Cordell	FR	CB	5-9	178	Detroit, MI
38	Cole Corey	SO	S	5-10	194	Tecumseh, MI
84	Deon Curry	FR	WR	6-1	205	Oakland Twp, MI
26	Tom Dance	FR	S	6-1	202	Erie, PA
69	Ryan Danescu	FR	C	6-0	282	Livonia, MI
80	Kellen Davis	SO	TE	6-6	244	Adrian, MI
8	Brandon Fields	JR	P	6-6	235	Toledo, OH
11	John Goss	JR	K	6-3	214	Grove City, OH
4	Carl Grimes	FR	WR	5-9	180	Detriot, MI
66	Mike Gyetvai	SO	OT	6-7	305	Old Castle, ONT
24	Kevin Hall	SO	P	6-4	223	Temperance, MI
31	Jaren Hayes	SR	CB	5-9	180	Lebanon, PA
41	David Herron Jr	JR	LB	6-1	250	Warren, OH
24	Eric Hines	FR	CB	5-9	185	Detroit, MI
55	Dwayne Holmes	FR	LB	6-0	245	Detroit, MI
34	Tony Howard	FR	RB	5-10	201	Garfield Hts, OH
7	Brian Hoyer	FR	QB	6-2	208	North Olmsted, OH
51	Derrick Johnson	SO	LB	5-9	229	Southfield, MI
83	Jamar Jones	SO	TE	6-3	217	Arcadia, FL
98	Bobby Jones	JR	DT	6-4	296	Yankton, SD
68	Tom Kaczmarek	FR	OT	6-5	297	London, ONT
21	Brett Kahn	SO	WR	5-9	174	Trenton, MI
95	Justin Kershaw	FR	DE	6-4	265	Columbus, OH
16	Travis Key	SO	CB	5-10	180	Three Rivers, MI
50	Steve Kielp	JR	DE	6-6	245	Riverside, IL
18	Terry Love	SO	WR	5-11	172	Bellwood, IL
11	Barre Mackie	FR	WR	5-7	160	Detroit, MI
14	Cole Malatinksky	SO	S	6-0	192	Holt, MI
73	Roland Martin	FR	OG	6-5	318	Chicago, IL
54	John Masters	SO	C	6-4	287	Carmel, IN
26	Kyle Mayer	JR	K	6-1	211	Grand Haven, MI
86	Jeremy McGinnis	FR	WR	5-11	174	St Ignace, MI
88	Craig McGovern	FR	TE	6-3	258	Lawrenceville, NJ
99	Brandon McKinney	SR	DT	6-3	315	Dayton, OH
54	Jeff McPherson	FR	LB	6-1	229	Lowell, MI
79	Jesse Miller	FR	OT	6-6	307	Somerville, NJ
48	Seth Mitchell	SR	LB	6-2	258	Brandywine, MD
51	Chris Morris	SR	C	6-4	298	Lambertville, MI
64	Brendon Moss	FR	OG	6-6	268	Saline, MI
67	John Mulroy	FR	OT	6-5	269	W Bloomfield, MI
39	Jelani Nantambo	FR	DB	5-9	178	Southfield, MI
14	Domenic Natale	FR	QB	6-1	181	Warren, NJ
71	Gordon Niebylski	SR	OG	6-3	314	Farmington, MI
81	Diego Oquendo	FR	WR	5-9	178	Staten Island, NY
13	Jeremy Orr	FR	WR	5-6	140	Detriot, MI
62	Derrick Outlaw	SO	DE	6-3	243	Cassopolis, MI
96	Domata Peko	SR	DT	6-2	310	Pago Pago, Amer Samoa
61	Tramonte Pointer	SO	DT	5-10	294	Flint, MI
63	Devin Pritchett	SO	LB	6-2	239	Alpharetta, GA
22	Mike Pruchnicki	JR	QB	5-8	168	Grand Blanc, MI
97	Charlie Rewoldt	SO	DT	6-2	285	Ann Arbor, MI
22	Kyle Rowley	FR	S	5-10	201	Oxford, MI
92	Clifton Ryan	JR	DE	6-2	294	Saginaw, MI
87	Kyle Sackrider	SO	TE	6-2	243	Battle Creek, MI
32	Jerramy Scott	JR	WR	5-10	185	Jupiter, FL
2	Agim Shabaj	SR	WR	5-10	185	Farmington Hills, MI
53	Kurt Slade	SO	SN	6-4	263	Gaylord, MI
36	Eric Smith	SR	DB	6-1	193	Groveport, OH
47	Kyle Smith	FR	LB	6-2	206	Novi, MI
93	Nick Smith	SO	DE	6-6	269	North Canton, OH
5	Drew Stanton	JR	QB	6-3	228	Farmington Hills, MI
52	Peter Stevens	FR	SN	6-0	207	St Joseph, MI
42	Rob Tabatchnick	SO	LB	5-11	210	Livingston, NJ
20	Jason Teague	SR	RB	5-9	199	St Petersburg, FL
43	Kaleb Thornhill	SO	LB	6-1	237	Lansing, MI
70	Joe Toth	SO	DT	6-2	284	Port Charlotte, FL
6	Matt Trannon	SR	WR	6-6	225	Flint, MI
18	John Van Dam	SO	QB	6-3	212	East Lansing, MI
12	Ashton Watson	SR	CB	5-11	186	Huber Heights, OH
49	Matt Watza	SO	LB/S	5-11	185	Northville, MI
72	Stefon Wheeler	SR	OT	6-5	320	Passaic, NJ
89	Ryan Woods	SR	TE	6-4	259	Florissant, MO
77	Daniel Zynn	JR	OG	6-2	321	S Pasadena, CA

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS THE LAST 3 YEARS

2004 SEASON

RECORD: 5-7 BIG 10 RECORD: 4-4

RUTGERS 19 Michigan St 14-At the half RU outgained MSU 273-159 but trailed 7-6 due to 3 missed FG's. In the 3Q RU went 51 yds for a FG, 9-7. MSU's Dowdell was int'd and ret'd 31 yds for a TD. RU got a 38 yd pass and added a 42 yd FG. MSU got a 54 yd TD pass to get within 19-14. MSU got to the RU 29 but Dowdell overthrew an open receiver in the EZ and fmbl'd on 4th down.

MICHIGAN ST 24 C Michigan 7-MSU got a 50 yd pass on its 1st play from Reaves (1st start) but missed a 22 yd FG. MSU went 81 yds for a TD. A pers foul & PR set up a MSU 39 yd FG drive. MSU was SOD at the 6. CM went 86 yds but missed a 27 yd FG on the 1H's final play. A 52 yd KR set up a Spartan 47 yd TD drive. CM got a 90 yd TD run by Seymour to pull within 17-7. QB Stanton came in for MSU in the 4Q and led them 96 yds incl his 4th & 1 run for a FD to the 2 and the TD came with 2:08 left. CM was SOD.

Notre Dame 31 MICHIGAN ST 24-MSU blk'd a punt & rec'd it for a TD. MSU's Reaves was int'd & ret'd 23 yds by Zbikowski. Quinn's TD run on 4th & 1 tied it. MSU got to the Irish 30 but Zbikowski took the ball out of RB Teague's arms and ret'd it 75 yds for a TD, 14-7. ND was int'd in the EZ. ND got a 35 yd TD pass. ND fmbl'd at the MSU 29. MSU was int'd with 2:22 left 1H but ND missed a 37 yd FG. With Stanton at QB MSU missed a 43 yd FG. ND went on a 75 yd TD drive. MSU's Cobb ret'd the KO 89 yds for a TD, 28-14. MSU nailed a 46 yd FG. MSU later went 85 yds but fmbl'd into the EZ. ND then fmbl'd at the MSU 28. MSU fmbl'd it back at their own 46. The Irish went 40 yds and hit a 23 yd FG with :57 left. MSU then went 63 yds for a garbage TD with :09 left.

Michigan St 30 INDIANA 20-Stanton became the 1st MSU QB to rush for more than 100 yds S/'75. MSU went 81 yds for a TD, 7-3. Indy went 80 yds for a TD. MSU's P mishandled the snap on a fake and was tkl'd at the 13. Indy missed a 23 yd FG but later Bennett ret'd a punt an IU record 94 yds for a TD. Stanton was int'd setting Indy up for a 31 yd FG, 20-7. Stanton was int'd at the Indy 26. MSU went 54 yds and scored a TD on 4th & goal. MSU got a 57 yd pass to set up a FG. Indy was int'd at the MSU 22. MSU went 78 yds for a TD to take the lead 24-20. MSU got a 36 yd run by Stanton and nailed a FG. Stanton ripped off a 35 yd run and MSU added a FG with 2:36 left. Indy was int'd at its own 40.

IOWA 38 Michigan St 16-Iowa got two 80 yd TD drives, 14-0. Iowa got a 28 yd pass down to the MSU 36 but was int'd at the 1. MSU went 91 and 74 yds for FG's with the latter coming after replays backed up an incompletion call in the EZ. A long Iowa KR set up a 24 yd FG with :02 left 2Q, 17-6. Iowa went 67 yds for a TD, 24-6. MSU missed a 55 yd FG. Iowa went 64 yds for a TD. MSU went 37 yds for a 42 yd FG, 31-9. MSU fmbl'd a punt on their own 2 setting up an Iowa TD. MSU went 92 yds for a garbage TD. MSU rec'd the onside kick and got to the 2 but was SOD with 3:05 left.

MICHIGAN ST 38 Illinois 25-MSU went 49 yds and later 71 yds for TD's but on the 2nd TD the xp was fmbl'd and Hayden ret'd it 90 yds for a 2 pt conv, 13-2. The teams traded 80 yd TD drives, 20-9. MSU went 62 yds but missed a 35 yd FG with 2:15 left 1H. Beutjer was sk'd & fmbl'd on IL's 26. MSU hit a 21 yd FG with :04 left to lead 23-9. In the 3Q IL got a 65 yd run by Thomas which set up his short TD run, 23-16. IL later went 55 yds but missed a 27 yd FG. MSU went 80 yds for a TD and IL answered with a 64 yd FG drive, 30-19. IL blk'd a punt & rec'd it for a TD, 30-25 (2 ptng). MSU went 62 yds for a TD with 5:47 left to put it out of reach, 38-25 (2 pt good). MSU ran out the clock on a 60 yd drive.

MICHIGAN ST 51 Minnesota 17-MSU opened with a 43 yd TD drive. MSU then went 83 yds with a 25 yd TD pass to Knott. After a MSU int, Minny nailed a 37 yd FG. MSU then got a Teague 41 yd TD run, 21-3. Minny's Wheelwright had a 58 yd TD rec. MSU got a 36 yd TD pass to Knott. After a MSU fmbl Minny was SOD at the 9. MSU went 70 yds but was int'd. Minny drove 53 yds but was SOD on 4th & 2 at the MSU 31. MSU went 64 yds and nailed a 22 yd FG on the 1H's final play, 31-10. MSU went 66 yds for a TD. Minny was int'd at their own 29 & MSU hit a 23 yd FG. MSU made a 37 yd FG. Minny got a 35 yd TD pass to Wheelwright. MSU got a 56 yd TD pass to Love. Minny was int'd at the MSU 33. Minny was SOD at the MSU 43 & MSU ran out the clock.

MICHIGAN 45 Michigan St 37 (3OT)-After Cobb ripped off a 72 yd TD run, UM answered with an 80 yd TD drive. MSU went 79 yds for a TD, 14-7. After the Spartans partially blk'd a P, MSU missed a 50 yd FG. MSU went 84 yds and a FG made it 17-7. UM went 38 yds and hit a 34 yd FG with :49 left 1H. Stanton was hurt so Dowdell would QB the rest of the game. UM went 61 yds but fmbl'd at the MSU 21. MSU went 43 yds but settled for a FG. Cobbs broke free with a 64 yd TD run, 27-10 with 8:43 left. UM drove 86 yds but settled for a 24 yd FG. The onside kick was rec'd by UM and the Wolves got an Edwards 36 yd TD rec with 6:12 left, 27-20. UM got a 29 yd run by Hart and then Edwards caught a 21 yd TD pass with 2:59 left, 27-27. MSU's 52 yd FG came up short. In OT both teams settled for FG's. In the 2nd OT MSU needed 4 plays for a TD while UM's Avant scored on 3rd & goal from the 5, 37-37. In the 3rd OT Edwards caught a 24 yd TD pass on 3rd & 9, 45-37 (2 pt good). MSU's 4th & 7 pass was overthrown in the EZ.

Ohio St 32 MICHIGAN ST 19-Dowdell was int'd & ret'd to the 17 and OSU's Ginn ran for a TD. Ginn then ret'd a punt 60 yds for a TD, 14-0 with OSU having 0 FD's. OSU's Nugent nailed a 53 yd FG. MSU went 86 yds for a TD. MSU went 56 yds for a 27 yd FG. MSU went 27 yds and nailed a 44 yd FG, 17-13. MSU missed a 54 yd FG on the 1H's final play. OSU fmbl'd at their own 42 and this time Rayner hit a 53 yd FG. MSU went 68 yds for a 29 yd FG with 3:06 left and the 19-17 lead. OSU's Smith hit a slant pass to Ginn which he took 58 yds for a TD, 25-19 (2 ptng) with 1:37 left. MSU was int'd at the OSU 44. On 3rd & 5 Hall raced 51 yds for a TD with :25 left. MSU was int'd in the EZ.

MICHIGAN ST 49 Wisconsin 14-UW's D came in allowing just 9.1 ppg, the lowest in the nation.UW got a 45 yd TD run by Davis. MSU got a 60 yd run to the 14 but missed a 29 yd FG.MSU went 66 yds for a TD. MSU blk'd a punt and rec'd in the EZ for a TD. UW went 66 yds for a TD 14-14. MSU went 99 yds for a TD 21-14. UW drove 72 yds and on 4th & goal at the 1 with :17 left in the 1H it appeared Davis crossed the goal line but it was ruled short and the review upheld the call. MSU rec'd an onside kick to open the 3Q and went 54 yds for a TD, 28-14.MSU started at their own 47 & got a TD pass. MSU RB Cobb ripped off a 55 yd TD run. UW went 79 yds but was SOD again at the MSU 1. MSU went 99 yds for a TD for the final.

PENN ST 37 Michigan St 13-MSU opened with a 78 yd FG drive. After they traded int's, PSU nailed a 47 yd FG. MSU went 45 yds and nailed a 52 yd FG on the 2Q's last play, 6-3. PSU went 75 yds for a TD. Stanton was int'd & ret'd to the 8 and Mills ran it in, 17-6. MSU brought in Dowdell at QB but he was int'd & ret'd to the 10. Mills again ran it in for a TD. Reaves came in at QB for MSU. PSU blk'd a punt & rec'd it at the 22. Mills hit Robinson with a TD pass, 31-6. MSU was int'd at their own 47. PSU went 43 yds for a 27 yd FG. A 52 yd KR set up MSU for a 48 yd TD drive. PSU ret'd the onside kick to the MSU 28 and got a 43 yd FG. MSU went 56 yds but was SOD on 4th & 1 at the PSU 24 w/4:11 left. MSU was int'd at the PSU 26 w/2:32 left.

HAWAII 41 Michigan St 38-Stanton led 59 & 72 yd TD drives. UH drove 49 yds but was SOD at the MSU 38. Stanton took MSU 62 yds for another TD. Chang responded driving UH 80 yds for a TD. MSU went 64 yds but was SOD at the UH 16. Chang passed for every yd on an 84 yd TD drive. MSU then ran for every yd on a 67 yd drive including Teague's TD run with :24 left 2Q, 28-14. Chang hit Owens on TD passes of 51 & 9 yds, 28-27 (xp blk'd). MSU then drove 47 yds and Rayner hit a 49 yd FG. UH took its 1st lead 34-31 as they drove 80 yds with a Chang dive into the EZ on 4th & goal. A KR set MSU up at the UH 49 but they were SOD. Chang hooked up with Owens for their 4th TD. MSU answered with a 59 yd TD drive, 41-38 with 1:31 left. UH rec'd the onside kick.

2003 SEASON

RECORD: 8-5 BIG 10 RECORD: 5-3

MICHIGAN ST 26 W Mich 21-MSU got a 49 yd TD pass. After an exchange of int's WM got a 46 yd TD pass. MSU missed a 35 yd FG but then got a 59 yd TD pass. WM answered with a 77 yd TD drive, 14-14. MSU got a 49 yd FG then following an int, MSU drove 56 yds for a TD & led 23-14 (xpng). WM got a 34 yd PR but missed a 51 yd FG. MSU got a 31 yd FG & was int'd at the WM 10. WM drove 78 yds for a TD with :30 left.

MICHIGAN ST 44 Rutgers 28-RU got a 65 yd TD pass. MSU got a 52 yd TD pass and RU was SOD at the MSU 35. RU got a 63 yd pass to key a 90 yd TD drive. MSU got a 62 yd TD pass to tie it at 14. RU got a 61 yd int ret for a TD. MSU scored the next 30 pts. They got a 94 yd KR TD, 67 yd TD drive and 38 yd FG and led 31-21 at the half. MSU added a 29 yd int ret TD and 30 and 24 yd FG's to lead 44-21. With their 3rd string QB in MSU fmbl'd at their own 30 and RU got a TD with 5:09 left.

LA Tech 20 MICHIGAN ST 19-MSU drove 56 yds but missed a 45 yd FG and then drove 89 yds for a TD. LT had a short pass turn into a 76 yd TD. MSU got 51 & 49 yd FG's but then missed a 34 yd FG. LT was int'd in the EZ from the MSU 27 with :27 left 1H. LT missed a 44 yd FG and MSU missed a 51 yd'r. MSU got FG's from 37 and 30 yds to lead 19-7 with 6:10 left. LT was SOD at the MSU 31 with 2:59 left. After a punt, LT went 74 yds for a TD with 1:09 left and rec'd the onside kick. On 3rd & 10 LT got an 11 yd TD pass with :02 left for a shocking upset.

Michigan St 22 NOTRE DAME 16-MSU nailed a 51 yd FG. There were 3 TO's before ND got a 35 yd FG to tie it. ND got a 29 yd FG after a 47 yd PR but MSU, after a 26 yd punt, tied it again with a 30 yd FG. MSU had a FD at the ND 7 but was int'd and it went to the half, 6-6. ND fmbl'd at the MSU 34. Later the Spartans got a 71 yd TD run by Hayes, 13-6. After an ND 30 yd FG, the Spartans drove for a 31 yd FG. MSU then ret'd an int 40 yds for a TD, 22-9. ND drove 85 yds under QB Quinn for a TD with 2:29 left. MSU rec'd the onside kick and ran out the clock.

MICHIGAN ST 20 Iowa10- MSU drove 80 yds for a TD and then after a fmbl drove 41 yds for a TD, 14-0. Iowa drove 80 yds for a TD. The D's then took over. MSU rec'd a fumble on a sk and ret'd it to the Iowa 25 which led to a 23 yd FG with :19 left 2Q, 17-7. Iowa opened the 3Q with a 74 yd drive for a 22 yd FG. The next 6 poss ended with 6 punts. MSU drove 74 yds for a 20 yd FG but neither team would threaten after that.

MICHIGAN ST 31 Indiana 3-MSU drove 60 & 66 yds for TD's. IU drove 73 yds but settled for a 21 yd FG, 14-3 at the half. MSU got a 49 yd FG and after IU fmbl'd, drove 80 yds for a TD and a 24-3 lead. IU was sk'd on 4th & 6 at the MSU 24 and MSU later went 71 yds for a TD. IU went 73 yds but was SOD on 4th & goal. MSU ran out the final 3:00.

Mich St 49 ILLINOIS 14-IL missed a 49 yd FG and then each team put together a long TD drive, 7-7. MSU ret'd an int to the 2 setting up a TD on 4th & 1 to lead 14-7. The Spartans added a 68 yd TD drive, and then IL missed a 51 yd FG on the 1H's final play. MSU drove 93 yds for a TD, got a 12 yd TD drive after an int and drove 55 yds for a TD after IL was SOD. The Spartans added a 53 yd fmbl return for a TD. IL drove 89 yds in 16 plays for a TD with 1:05 left.

Michigan St 44 MINNESOTA 38-Minny fmbl'd the opening KO and MSU drove 36 yds for a TD. MSU then drove 68 & 61 yds for a TD and a FG. Minny went on a 74 yd drive for a FG and an 91 yd TD drive, 17-10. MSU rec'd a fmbl and drove 40 yds for a TD but Minny drove 80 yds for a TD with :37 left 1H. MSU ret'd the ensuing KO 100 yds for a TD, rec'd a Gopher fmbl and nailed a 50 yd FG on the 1H's final play for a shocking 34-17 lead. MSU nailed a 52 yd FG. Minny drove 78 yds for a TD but later was SOD on 4th & 6 at the MSU 33. MSU got a 60 yd TD run with 6:47 left, 44-24. Minny then drove 63 and 97 yds for TD's, the latter with 2:02 left. MSU rec'd the onside kick and ran out the clock.

Michigan 27 MICHIGAN ST 20- UM got a TD early 2Q while MSU settled for a 20 yd FG. UM got a 40 yd TD pass, 13-3 (xpng) at the half. MSU was stuffed on a fake punt and UM drove 64 yds for a TD. MSU got a 73 yd TD pass to Shabaj. UM would go 66 yds for a TD, 27-10. After MSU got a huge KR to the 39 they hit a 31 yd FG. UM was at the MSU 22 threatening to put the game away when Navarre fmbl'd and Dukes ret'd it 65 yds for a TD with 6:12 left, 27-20. On their last poss MSU got to midfield but their Hail Mary pass was int'd.

OHIO ST 33 Michigan St 23-MSU drove 95 yds for a TD and OSU drove 52 yds for a 44 yd FG. MSU was int'd & ret'd 66 yds setting up OSU for a 28 yd TD drive, 10-7. OSU added 60 yd TD drive. MSU drove 51 yds for a 48 yd FG and trailed 17-10 at the half. OSU opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive, but MSU ret'd the KO 93 yds for a TD, 24-17. OSU drove 72 and 55 yds but settled for 24 & 42 yd FG's. Later OSU went 50 yds but settled for an 18 yd FG, 33-17. MSU then drove 64 yds for a TD with 3:21 left (xpng). OSU rec'd the onside kick and finished at the MSU 5.

WISCONSIN 56 Michigan St 21-UW WR Evans set a school record with 258 yds rec and tied a B10 record with 5 TD's. Evans got a 75 yd TD rec, 21-0 but the Spartans ret'd a KO 59 yds to set up a 25 yd TD drive. UW got an 81 yd drive for a TD and led 28-7 at the half with a 359-129 yd edge. They extended it to 56-14 pulling their starters with 13:11 left.

MICHIGAN ST 41 Penn St 10-MSU missed a 54 yd FG and PSU drove 52 yds for a 29 yd FG, 3-0. A small pass turned into an 80 yd TD for MSU's Brown, 7-3. MSU drove 68 yds for a TD and added a 94 yd TD drive with 2:29 left 1H, 21-3. MSU converted on a fake punt to key a 56 yd TD drive. MSU blk'd a punt and drove 46 yds for a TD. After PSU fmbl'd a punt, MSU missed a 37 yd FG. PSU was int'd and a 34 yd return set up MSU for a 6 yd TD drive. PSU then drove 80 yds for a TD with :11 left.

2002 SEASON

RECORD: 4-8 BIG 10 RECORD: 2-6

MICHIGAN ST 56 E Mich 7-MSU dominated the 1H with a 28-0 lead. They drove 26 yds (after KR), 57 and 80 yds on 3 of their first 4 poss of the 2H, 49-0 and EM got a garbage TD w/ 6:02 left.

MICHIGAN ST 27 Rice 10-MSU drove 78 yds for a TD but Rice went on an 7:15 drive for a 22 yd FG. MSU missed a 37 yd FG and Rice drove 80 yds for a TD and stunningly led 10-7 at the half. MSU settled for 45 and 50 yd FG's on drives where they did not net a FD (after PR, int) and got 37 and 18 yd TD drives after Rice fmbl'd punts.

California 46 MICHIGAN ST 22-Cal led 25-0 at the half but had only 2 scoring drives that produced a FD in the 1H. MSU went 91 & 57 yds for TD's to pull within 25-14 but Cal went 69, 33 (after int), and 83 (after SOD) yds for TD's to lead 46-14. MSU went 75 yds for a TD w/ 2:50 left.

Notre Dame 21 MICHIGAN ST 17-ND went 80 yds for a TD to open. MSU got a 35 yd FG. ND got an int at the MSU 31. A questionable pass interf call set ND up for a TD w/:11 left in the 2Q and a stunning turnaround,14-3. MSU got a 38 yd TD pass w/ 13:22 left and then drove 97 yds in 10 plays. On 4th & 11 Smoker hit Rogers w/a 21 yd TD pass and MSU took the lead, 17-14. ND responded with a 60 yd TD pass w/ 1:15 left. MSU got to the ND 40 but was int'd at the 5.

MICHIGAN ST 39 N'western 24-MSU led 17-10 w/ 6:10 left in an evenly played half. MSU added a 37 yd FG w/:24 left, 20-10. NW got int's on consec poss and had an 80 yd TD drive to pull within 20-17. They missed a 50 yd FG and the game changed dramatically. MSU ret'd a punt 88 yds for a TD, drove 74 yds for a 21 yd FG and got a 31 yd TD pass after an int scoring 16 pts in a span of 5:51. They added a 53 yd FG w/ 5:08 left to lead 39-17 before allowing NW a TD w/ 4:28 left.

IOWA 44 Mich St 16-Five TO's did in MSU as UI's #1 ranked Big 10 offense was held to 284 yds but put up 44 pts. MSU had an 8-2 FD 1Q edge but trailed 17-7 as UI got a 94 yd KR TD and 62 yd int ret TD. UI added a TD pass & FG, 27-7 at the half. MSU turned it over on the 3Q's 1st 2 poss setting UI up w/ a 21 yd TD drive and a FG, 37-7. Iowa made it 44-7 and MSU was SOD at the UI 21. MSU got a TD on a 52 yd drive. Iowa took an intentional safety after being pinned at their own 2.

Minnesota 28 MICHIGAN ST 7-MSU got a 52 yd pass to Rogers which set a TD run. UM drove 96 yds for a TD including a 45 yd TD pass, 7-7. UM added a 59 yd drive for a 44 yd FG and a 22 yd FG, 13-7 at half. UM opened the 3Q w/ a 79 yd TD drive (2 pt conv) and then went 80 yds for another TD to lead 28-7. MSU was int'd at the UM 1 w/ 7:05 left and the Gophers ran out the clock finishing at the MSU 3.

Wisconsin 42 MICHIGAN ST 24-Smoker was susp & Dowdell started. UW had scoring drives of 68, 46 and 80 yds and led 21-0. MSU got a 36 yd FG. The Badgers went 62 yds for a TD w/:05 left, 28-3 and the crowd booed. MSU opened the 3Q w/ an 84 yd TD drive but UW answered w/ a 65 yd drive, 35-10. MSU went 67 yds but was int'd in the EZ but later went 60 yds for a TD, 35-17. UW went 79 yds for a TD. Dowdell got inj'd and on Alexander's 2nd pass he hit Rogers w/ a 44 yd TD w/ 5:23 left.

MICHIGAN 49 Michigan St 3-MSU got a 39 yd FG but UM drove 63, 59, 51, 53 and 61 yds for TD's. MSU was SOD at the UM 19 and the Wolves drove 81 yds for a TD. MSU was SOD at the 5 and the Wolves drove 14 yds for a TD foll an int with 1:03 left.

Michigan St 56 INDIANA 21-MSU was playing under interim HC Watts as Williams was fired during the week and MSU simply dominated the 1H as they had a 341-124 yd edge and led 42-7. They extended it to 56-7 w/ 5:14 left 3Q. Indy got 80 & 57 yd TD drives late vs MSU bkups.

Purdue 45 MICHIGAN ST 42-In the 1H PU had a 343-59 yd edge but needed a late surge to lead 24-17. It was 42-37 with 7:43 left and on 4th & 8 PU QB Kirsch had the wind knocked out of him. Orton came in and lobbed a 40 yd TD pass w/ 3:18 left, 45-42. MSU got 1 FD but on 4th & 5 from the 50 w/ 1:20 left came up 1 yd short and PU ran out the clock.

PENN ST 61 Michigan St 7 -PSU missed a 19 yd FG but MSU fmbl'd setting up a PSU 27 yd TD drive. PSU had a 75 yd TD drive and MSU went on to miss two FG's. PSU had an 81 yd PR for a TD and 54, 78, 60 and 40 yd drives for TD's to lead 48-0 at the half. The backups played the 2H.

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

2005 BIG 10 RECRUITMENT RANKING: 8
2005 NATIONAL RANK: 38

2005 NEWCOMERS

Ryan Allison PS#34WR 6-3 207 Lake Orion HS/Lake Orion, MI 4.4 speed. 36" verticle jump. Named 1 of Michigan's top 10 players by Detroit News. All state as a Senior with 54 receptions for 926 yards and 8 touchdowns. Sprinter on track team . Brother Roger plays FB at Michigan.

Rocco Cironi PS#94OL 6-6 284 Warren G Harding HS/Warren, OH 5.3 speed. Selected for Big 33 Ohio vs Pennsylvania All Star game and OH North/South All Star game. 3 year starter at Ohio high school powerhouse. Gained 30 lbs since summer '04. Also a basketball player.

Kendell Davis PS#62DB 5-11 181 Alliance HS/ Alliance, OH 4.34 speed. Selected for OH North/South All Star game. All-Ohio Division III selection after rushing for 1,108 yds on 101 carries (11.0) with 11 TD's in just 7 games as a Senior. Defended Ohio 100m and 200m titles as a Senior.

Adam Decker PS#142LB 6-2 234 Brother Rice HS/Rochester Hills, MI 4.6 speed. 300 bench. All-Michigan honoree after recording 118 tackles and 8.5 sacks on a stop unit that allowed just 7.6 points per game as a Senior. Dad Michael played LB at MSU from '77-79.

Dan Fortener PS#414WR 6-1 182 Archbishop Alter HS/Kettering, OH 4.25 speed.Recruited as a WR or DB and could grayshirt. Special mention All-Ohio prospect who rushed for almost 1,100 yards and 17 TD's as a wishbone QB as a Senior. Averaged 38.5 per punt in '04.

Reggie Graham PS#389DL 6-4 210 Homewood HS/Homewood, AL 4.5 speed. 275 bench. 485 squat. Honorable mention All-Alabama performer on state champion tm who recorded 50 tackles and 5 sacks as a Senior, despite missing 4 games due to injuries.

Andrew Hawken PS#51LB 6-2 224 Grandville, HS/Wyoming, MI 4.59 speed. 34" verticle jump. Consensus Top 10 player in Michigan newspapers. Played RB/WR on offense but is being recruited as a LB. Totalled 1,594 all purpose yards and 14 TD's as a Senior.

Hayward Howard PS#480DL 6-4 280 George Wash Carver HS/N Orleans, LA Texas/Louisiana All Star game selection as well as the New Orleans City All Star game. 2nd team All-Louisiana recognition as OL/DL. Recorded 118 tackles with 25 tackles for loss and 15 sacks as a Senior.

AJ Jimmerson PS#59RB 5-10 195 Hazelwood Central HS/St Louis, MO 4.37 speed. 300 bench. Had 870 all purpose yards and 6 TD's as a Senior, despite injuries. Earned 1st team All-Missouri honors with 1,694 all purpose yards and 20 TD's as a Junior.

DL Bobby Jones PS#31JC 6-4 296 N Dakota St College/Yankton, SD 4.71 speed. Enrolled in January '05. 34 tackles, 8 tackles for loss and 4 sacks last year at JC. Had 38 tackles and 9 tackles for loss in 7 games as a Freshman. 1st team All-South Dakota and state DL of the Year selection as a Senior with 56 tackles, 17 tackles for loss and 10 sacks as a Senior.

WR Emory Jones PS#33JC 6-3 204 NE Mississippi CC/Detroit, MI 4.45 speed. All-Mississippi JC selection last year with 46 receptions for 434 yards and 2 TD's as a Sophomore. Had 37 receptions for 514 yards and 6 TD's as a Freshman. Originally signed with Toledo in '03 out of HS. 1st team All-Michigan honoree as a Senior catching 38 receptions for 847 yards and 12 TD's.

Brandon Long PS#98LB 6-4 210 GlenOak HS/ Canton, OH 4.51 speed. 350 bench. All-Ohio selection after recording 66 tackles, 12 tackles for loss and 5 sacks while drawing 14 holding penalties as a Senior.

Brendon Moss PS#451OL 6-6 256 Fork Union Mil Acad/Saline, MI 5.0 speed. Starter at LT at Fork Union prep academy last season where he did not allow a sack. Also totalled 10 tackles for loss and 2 sacks on the defensive line.

Domenic Natale PS#29QB 6-1 181 The Hun School /Warren, NJ Enrolled in January '05 and participated in spring practice. Passed for 849 yards and 15 TD's last season as a Senior. 1st team All-New Jersey selection as a Junior when he threw for 1,840 yards and 19 TD's.

Joel Nitchman PS#68OL 6-3 262 Hackett Central HS/Kalamazoo, MI 1st committment of '05 recruiting class. Consensus Top 10 player in Michigan newspapers. 5.0 speed. Played both ways as a Senior with 73 tackles and 7 sacks on the DL and grading out at 91% on his blocking assignments.

Diego Oquendo PS#364WR 5-9 177 Tottenville HS/Staten Island, NY Orginally signed with Syracuse in '04. Enrolled in January '05 and here for spring. 4.42 speed. Totalled 832 all purpose yards on offense and 54 tackles and 3 sacks as a Senior.

Javon Ringer PS#27RB 5-9 185 Chaminade-Julienne HS/Dayton, OH 4.35 speed. 3 time All-Ohio status after rushing for 1,790 yards and 21 TD's in 7 games in an injury shortened Senior season.

DL Jonal Saint-Dic PS#119JC 6-1 262 Hudson Vlly CC/Elizabeth, NJ 2nd tm All-American NJCAA selection last year with 77 tackles, 28 tackles for loss, 11.5 sacks & 6 forced fumbles, 2nd team All-New Jersey with 24.5 sacks as a HS Senior.

Mike Schmeding PS#142OL 6-8 299 St Mary's HS/ Rutherford, NJ 5.3 speed. 330 bench. Starter on OL and also had 36 tackles and 3 sacks on the DL as a Senior. 21-7 record as a wrestler in 2 years. Dad Mike played OL at Arizona St.

OL Kenny Shane PS#54JC 6-5 283 Pima CC/Indianapolis, IN 5.05 speed. 350 bench. NJCAA 1st Team All-American and two-time All-Region selection. Only played 1 year of HS football.

DL David Stanton PS#183JC 6-3 273 College of the Canyons/Los Angeles, CA 4.8 speed. 380 bench. All conf laurels last year collecting 36 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and 4 sacks.

Ross Weaver PS#201DB 6-1 189 Southfield HS/Southfield, MI 4.42 speed. All-Michigan hororee with 62 tackles, 8 passes broken up and 2 interceptions as a Senior.

Otis Wiley PS#92DB 6-2 185 Carman-Ainsworth HS/Flint, MI 4.4 speed. All-Michigan honoree with 78 tackles and 5 interceptions and 5 TD rec's at WR as a Senior.

DB Demond Williams PS#146JC 5-9 174 Pima CC/ Jackson, AL 4.35 speed. All Region selection with 4 interceptions last year. Honorable mention All Alabama as a QB with 1,612 total yards and 14 TD's in '02.

NFL DRAFT

2005

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
6	201	DeAndra Cobb	RB	Atlanta
6	202	Dave Rayner	K	Indianapolis
7	216	Kevin Vickerson	DT	Miami
7	246	William Whitticker	OG	Green Bay

2004

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
4	114	Matthias Askew	DT	Cincinnati
6	201	Jeff Smoker	QB	St Louis

2003

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	2	Charles Rogers	WR	Detroit

2002

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	18	TJ Duckett	RB	Atlanta
3	88	Chris Baker	TE	NY Jets
5	144	Herb Haygood	WR	Denver
5	172	Josh Shaw	DT	San Francisco
6	194	Craig Jarrett	P	Seattle

2001

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
7	202	Renaldo Hill	CB	Arizona
7	217	Siitupe Peko	OG	NY Jets
7	239	TJ Turner	LB	New England

2000

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	8	Plaxico Burress	WR	Pittsburgh
1	16	Julian Peterson	LB	San Francisco
4	99	Gari Scott	WR	Philadelphia
4	127	Greg Randall	OT	New England
5	135	Aric Morris	SS	Tennessee
6	174	Paul Edinger	K	Chicago
6	197	Robaire Smith	DE	Tennessee

1999

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	29	Dimitrius Underwood	DE	Minnesota
4	103	Sedrick Irvin	RB	Detroit

1998

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	38	Flozell Adams	OT	Dallas
5	142	Ike Reese	LB	Philadelphia
5	143	Scott Shaw	OG	Miami

1997

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
4	98	Derrick Mason	WR	Tennessee
6	197	Nigea Carter	WR	Tampa Bay

1996

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	42	Tony Banks	QB	St Louis
2	43	Muhsin Muhammad	WR	Carolina
6	193	Scott Greene	RB	Carolina

LAST 4 BOWL GAMES PAST HISTORIES

2003 ALAMO BOWL NEBRASKA 17 MICHIGAN ST 3

NU was w/o HC Frank Solich who was fired and Bo Pelini was the interim HC and the team played hard. NU's D dominated holding MSU to 6 FD's in the 1H and 13 for the game. NU went 47 yds in 11 plays for a 29 yd FG, 3-0. MSU went 48 yds in 10 plays and nailed a 46 yd FG with 3:53 left in the 1Q, 3-3. MSU got 2 FD's to midfield but then was int'd and the rest of the game belonged to NU. The Huskers started on their 36 and on the first play, QB Jammal Lord hit a 58 yd pass down to the 6. Lord set a career high with 160 yds passing incl 140 on 7 completions in the 2Q. The Huskers got the TD 2 plays later, 10-3. Lord ran around right end 66 yds for a FD to the 14 and they got a TD 2 plays later with 3:20 left in the half, 17-3. NU had a 283-90 yd edge and 11-6 FD edge at the half. The 3Q was scoreless. NU went 77 yds in 16 plays but missed a 26 yd FG with 14:19 left. MSU tried to make a comeback but on 4th & 22 with 1:15 left MSU was int'd at their own 43 and the Huskers simple took a knee.

2001 SILICON VALLEY BOWL MICHIGAN ST 44 FRESNO ST 35

Michigan St had just a 6-5 regular season record and Fresno St was ranked #20 in the poll with an 11-2 reg season record. It only took FSU :59 to put its 1st TD on the board with a 63 yd 4 play drive capped off by a 5 yd TD pass from David Carr, 7-0. QB Jeff Smoker responded a few plays later with a 72 yard bomb to Charles Rogers for a TD with 6:16 left in the 1Q, 7-7. The Spartans scored again :22 later when they recovered a bad snap in the EZ, 14-7. Carr would tied it up at 14 with a 36 yd TD pass to Rodney Wright with 3:20 left in the 1Q. MSU went 59 yds on 7 plays and capped with a season long 41 yd FG by Dave Rayner with :05 in the 1Q, 17-14. The Spartans extended their lead 24-14 on a 10 play 82 yd drive with a TJ Duckett 5 yd TD run. Carr hooked up again with Rodney Wright for a 79 yd TD pass with 7:47 left in the 1H, 24-21. MSU responded on their next possession as Duckett took it in from 39 yds out on 4th & 1, 31-21. MSU extended their lead even more when Smoker hit Rogers for 69 yds, 37-21 xp NG. MSU gained 405 of their 586 total yds in the 1H. FSU put together an 11 play 82 yd drive midway 3Q with a 2 yd TD run, 37-28. With 7:00 left in the game FSU blk'd a MSU punt and returned it 17 yds the MSU 15. Three plays later, Carr hit a 15 yd screen pass and the Bulldogs were within 2, 37-35. MSU clinched it with a 7 play 77 yd TD drive with 1:59 left, 44-35. Smoker threw for a career high 376 yards. Rogers had 10 rec for a school record 270 yds and earned the Off MVP award.

1999 CITRUS BOWL MICHIGAN ST 37 FLORIDA 34

MSU RB coach Bobby Williams was named the Spartans' new HC prior to this game, replacing Nick Saban who took the job at LSU. UF led 7-3 after 1Q but MSU came on strong in the 2Q. With 13:24 left in the 2Q, MSU QB Bill Burke hit Plaxico Burress for a 37 yd TD pass to go ahead 10-7. UF QB Doug Johnson fumbled and MSU's TJ Turner returned it 24 yds for a TD, 17-7. Johnson came back with an 8 yd TD pass and a 1 yd TD run and UF led 21-20 at the half. MSU QB Burke went back to Burress for a 21 yd TD in the 3Q, 26-21. UF drove for a 39 yd TD pass (xpng) and a 2 yd TD run following a Burke fumble and led 34-26 with 13:27 left. Burke tossed a 30 yd TD pass to Burress and MSU's Paul Edinger hit the game winning 39 yd FG as time expired for the win. Burress set a MSU record with 13 rec including 3 that went for TDs in the game.

1997 ALOHA BOWL WASHINGTON 51 MICHIGAN ST 23

MSU fumbled the 1st play of the game and the Huskies recovered it on the Spartans 32 yd line. Two plays later Rashaan Shehee ran it for a TD, 7-0. On their next series, QB Brock Huard tossed a 15 yard TD pass to Fred Coleman to cap a 70 yd, 9 play drive, 14-0. MSU responded with a 6 play 73 drive capped with a 12 yd TD pass from Todd Schultz to Gari Scott, 14-7. Washington went up 24-7 when Huard hit his 2nd TD pass for 22 yards and a Nick Lentz 41 yd FG. UW's Tony Parrish returned a 56 yd int for a TD and it was 31-10 at the half. Wash opened up the 3Q with an 11 play 80 yd drive with a Shehee 15 yd TD run. On the next drive, Leroy McFadden returned the KO 59 yds that helped to set up a MSU TD, 38-17. The Huskies got a 64 yd TD run on a fake punt (xpng) and a 66 yd interception return for a TD to put Wash up 51-17. MSU did manage a 4 play 35 yds drive capped off with a 21 TD pass with :02 left in the game, 51-23. The Huskies 51 pts marked the most points allowed by the Spartans in a bowl game and held MSU to a season low 47 yds rushing.

MICHIGAN ST DRAFT FACTS:

The Spartans have had nine 1st day DC (1st, 2nd & 3rd round) from 1996-2003 but have not had any the last 2 years.In the last 10 years they have had 32 players selected which avg 3 players per year. Of the 32, 19 have been from the offense, 10 from the defense and 3 have been kickers. The team has had 7 WR selected including Plaxico Burress, Derrick Mason and Muhsin Muhammad, all of whom have become stars in the NFL. If Charles Rogers can maintain good health, he would be the 4th.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2005

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Zack Mills looked like a rising star taking over the QB job as a rFr. Mills got off to a great start in 2002 throwing for 1,566 yards (261 ypg) in the first 6 games before suffering a shoulder injury. In the final seven games he threw for 121.5 ypg. Backup Michael Robinson is faster (4.4 spd) and has a stronger arm than Mills. Robinson was used in the "slash" role and had 5 TD's in the first three games of 2002, but then was not used as much down the stretch. He still finished as the team's second leading rusher with 263 net yards (5.3). Mills and Robinson took turns starting in 2003 due to injuries and ineffectiveness with Mills throwing for 1,404 (54.2%) with a 6-5 ratio and Robinson 892 (44.9%) with a 5-5 ratio. The #3 QB the last three years has been Chris Ganter (PS#57). Last year Mills actually became the first Lion under Paterno to score TD's rushing, passing and receiving in a game (Akron) after tossing 4 int vs BC. He suffered a shoulder injury vs Wisconsin. When Robinson was KO'd with a concussion, Ganter was forced to play 3Q's hitting just 6 of 23 for 32 yards. Mills was not fully recovered when he hit 24 of 46 for 250 vs Minny and he later missed Ohio St. Robinson threw 2 int's in his first 3 passes vs the Buck's hitting 7 of 21 for 69 yards and had 2 passes which were ruled laterals for lost yardage. Paterno took the redshirt off of true frosh Anthony Morelli but he had just 13 pass attempts. Mills tied the school's career record for TD passes and leaves as the school's all-time career passing leader. Last year he had to endure several injuries plus a second consecutive year of dropped passes and threw for just 1,722 yards (57.8%) with a 9-12 ratio. Robinson, who has bounced between QB, TB and WR will now focus solely on QB. He beat out Morelli in the spring. Also in the mix at QB are Paul Cianciolo (PS#67) and Daryll Clark (PS#63) who attended prep school last year. While losing a 4 year starter is tough, I can see the PSU QB's being more productive.

QB Michael Robinson

RUNNING BACKS - Paterno said at the end of 2001 his biggest regret was not giving the ball to Larry Johnson 20-25 times per game instead of relying on a TB by committee. Johnson rushed for 2,087 (7.7) when installed as the feature back in 2002. In 2003 it looked like the job would fall to true frosh Austin Scott (PS#16) and Rodney Kinlaw (PS#41). Unfortunately Kinlaw tore his ACL and FB Paul Jefferson was acad ineligible. Scott led the team in rushing but with only 436 yards (4.4) as he struggled in pass protection and also suffered from mono. He had just 21 carries over the last six games. Last year they had to replace FB Sean McHugh but Jefferson returned. Scott reported in August '04 at 227 lbs (too heavy) and his goal for this year is to be down to 210. Kinlaw was not 100% after his ACL surgery and then suffered a hamstring injury in August. Scott and Tony Hunt (PS#80) both topped 100 yards rushing vs Akron, the first duo to do so at PSU since 1993. Scott missed a meeting the next week and DNP vs BC putting himself in Paterno's doghouse. He later suffered a concussion and finished with 312 yards (5.7). Hunt led the team in rushing with 777 yards (4.6) AND in rec's with 39. Scott broke his ankle prior to spring but should return. This year they lose Jefferson (10 st, 109 yds) and TB Michael Gasparato (38 yds). The FB will be more of an H-back this year. Not listed are Nick Pinchek (6-1 197 So) and FB's Adam Senk (6-1 231 Sr) and Ryan Harford (6-1 241 rFr). If Scott is healthy, motivated and in shape he could become a 1,000 yard back. Regardless, this unit should have better production in 2005.

RECEIVERS - Dropped passes have plagued this unit in 4 of the last 5 years. In 2002 the group did a much better job thanks to Bryant Johnson who amassed 917 yards (19.1) and was a 1st round DC. In 2003 almost everyone else returned but once again the unit was cursed by drops (roughly 37). Last season they had to replace their top four rec's. When Michael Robinson played WR the unit was at its best, but that was still below average and without him it was abysmal. Much was expected of Terrell Golden (6'3") who has 4.4 speed but he had just 3 rec's. RB Hunt led the team in rec's and Robinson in receiving yards with TE Issac Smolko being #3 with 21. This year the only losses are WR's Gerald Smith (6 st, 20 rec), Terrance Phillips (2 st, 9 rec), Ryan Scott (2 rec), TE John Bronson (1 st, 4 rec) and Kitna Palmer (1 rec). There are plenty of VHT's in this group including true frosh Derrick Williams (4.24 spd) who has been compared to Ohio St's Ted Ginn. Not listed are Brendan Perretta (5-7 176 So) and TE Jordan Lyons (6-5 248 rFr, PS#109QB). I look for significant improvement in PSU's receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - After averaging 3.7 ypc rushing and allowing just 19 sacks in 2003 with an inexperienced group, the Lions basically had 3 starters returning last year. OC Galen Hall brought in zone blocking schemes and it worked well early, but they were scrapped after the BC loss. While the stats looked similar as PSU averaged 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing 19 sacks, it does not really tell the entire story. Versus MAC schools Akron and UCF, the Lions rushed for 300 ypg (7.3). Versus the rest of their schedule, they averaged just 92.2 ypg (2.9). This year the only loss is LG Scott Davis (2 st) although EZ Smith was suspended and may not return. If he does 9 of the top 10 return and the unit is loaded with VHT's. Paterno has said this is a solid, athletic group. The Lions' D-line was a veteran unit last year and made huge strides (see DL). They hope the same transformation takes place with the O-line this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the PSU D had an outstanding and large defensive front (avg'd 310 lbs), but in 2003 had to replace 3 players who were 1st or 2nd Rd NFL DC's. The much smaller and inexperienced DL yielded 4.3 ypc rushing in 2003 while recording just 19 sacks. Last year all 4 starters returned and the D-line helped PSU allow 80 ypg less rushing and just 3.2 ypc but the D did have just 19 sacks. This year it should be one of the best D-lines in the entire NCAA as only DT Ed Johnson (4 st, 21 tkl, 4 tfl) departs and the group has size, strength and speed. Not even listed in the 2 deep are DT Steve Roach (6-2 304 Jr, PS#143OL), DE Amani Purcell (6-3 262 So) and DE Josh Gaines (6-2 258 rFr, PS#83).

LINEBACKERS - Penn St is known as "Linebacker U" and in 2000 had 2 LB's drafted including 1st round pick LaVar Arrington. Surprisingly this unit has not had one drafted since. Last year the Lions had to replace two starters and a backup and the unit had good speed. Paul Posluszny and Dan Connor are thought to be the next great PSU LB's. In Posluszny's first full year as a starter, he simply led the team in tackles and had 12 tfl. Connor, in the meantime, had 85 tkls as a true frosh. This year they must replace OLB Derek Wake (10 st, 58 tkl, 4 tfl) but five of the top six return. They add super rFr Tyrell Sales (PS#17OL) and Dontey Brown (PS#21) as well as true frosh Jerome Hayes (PS#18). This is the Lions' best LB unit since their outstanding 1999 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Penn St has had four Top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings in the last eight years. In 2003 they were #31 but had to replace two starters last year. They then lost starting FS Chris Harrell for the season to injury. Despite the relative inexperience, the Lion's pass D was amazing. They gave up 3 TD passes vs BC but just one more meaningful TD pass (1 vs Mich St in garbage time) and finished #6 in my pass D rankings with a super 5-16 ratio and just 162 ypg allowed. This year they must replace FS Andrew Guman (8 st, 67 tkl, 7 tfl) who took Harrell's place in the starting lineup. Harrell returns to reclaim his position along with the other 3 starters and CB Alan Zemaitis turned down an early trip to the NFL. They also add super true frosh Justin King (PS#4). It will be tough to move up much farther in my pass D rankings, but this group is clearly more experienced and even more talented.

SPECIAL TEAMS - PSU finished #11 in my special teams rankings in 2001 and dropped to #38 in 2002. They had to replace their top KR, PR and P in 2003 and they plummeted to #110. Last year everyone returned and they moved up to #82. They had to replace exceptional KO man David Kimball but Robbie Gould did a solid job with 20 TB's on 42 KO's. They add some super fast frosh who could greatly improve the return unit which avd'g just 17.5 on KR's and 7.9 on PR's last year. P Jeremy Kapinos was plagued by poor coverage in 2003 and improved his net to 36.6 last year. I look for the Lions' special teams to make another move up in 2005 despite the loss of PK Gould (7-13 FG, L47 LY).

COACHES - Joe Paterno entered 2003 as the IA all-time career win leader but was passed by FSU's Bobby Bowden (351) and is currently #2 with 343 wins. He has two National Titles but 4 times has finished undefeated yet has not won the National Title. He's won more bowl games than any other coach. For 34 years OC Fran Ganter served Paterno loyally but was moved to an administrative position. The new OC last year was Galen Hall who was the head coach at Florida (1984-'89). The DC is Tom Bradley who is in his 27th year, 6th as DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since Joe Paterno had his squad ranked #2 in the country with a 9-0 record in 1999, his Lions have gone just 27-36 and he has achieved his 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th losing seasons of his 40 year career. He led them to a bowl in 2002 and it could have been a bigger season as their 4 losses came by a combined 20 points. It seems as if this has been a completely snake bitten team in the last 4 or 5 years in conference play as thirteen of their last 22 losses have been by 8 points or less .Despite their 3-9 record in 2003, PSU was only outscored by 1.9 ppg! Last year PSU had one of the best defenses in the country as they were the only team in the entire NCAA that did not allow over 21 points in a game all season. Amazingly PSU still suffered a 4-7 year. Against Wisconsin they were down to a 3rd string QB due to injuries and were still banged up there the following week on the road vs Minnesota. They lost to Purdue at home by 7 when a fake FG was stopped. They lost to Iowa by 2 missing a 25 yard FG and being int'd at the Iowa 1. Later they came up 7 points short at home vs Northwestern but did blow out Mich St in the season finale knocking the Spartans out of a bowl, 37-13. For the 1st time since 1951, no Nittany Lions were selected in the NFL draft. They have 13 senior starters making them the most experienced team in the Big 10 with 17 overall starters back. They should be much stronger at the QB position and greatly improved overall on offense, thanks to the super addition of 2 speedy VHT frosh WR's. The Lions also have arguably the best D in the Big 10. I think it will be a great start to the year for PSU and I'll call for them to open 5-0 which will give them more confidence in the 2H of the year. They will achieve a winning record and get back to the post season reminding fans of Paterno's teams of old.

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JOE PATERNO (Career 343-116-3)
40th Year at Penn St
Paterno's SU Bowl Record: 20-10-1

2004 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (14,19,1)
Lost: 16 (12,3,1)

2004 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 103,111

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2005 Schedule Difficulty-#45

Date	Opponent	TURF	Final Score PSU	Final Score Opp
Sep. 3	South Florida	G		
Sep. 10	Cincinnati	G		
Sep. 17	C Michigan	G		
Sep. 24	at Northwestern	G		
Oct. 1	Minnesota	G		
Oct. 8	Ohio St	G		
Oct. 15	at Michigan	A		
Oct. 22	at Illinois	A		
Oct. 29	Purdue (HC)	G		
Nov. 5	Wisconsin	G		
Nov. 12				
Nov. 19	at Michigan St	G		
Nov. 26				

DE Tamba Hali

	HC	OC	DC
2004	Joe Paterno	Galen Hall	Tom Bradley
2003	Joe Paterno	Fran Ganter	Tom Bradley
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1998	Joe Paterno	Fran Ganter	Jerry Sandusky
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LAST 7 YEARS BIG 10 RANKINGS

	Big 10 Record	Finished	Total OFF	Total DEF	Avg Score in Big 10 Play
2004	2-6	#9	253	443	12.9-15.5
2003	1-7	#9	315	379	19.3-23.8
2002	5-3	#4	427	316	35.8-19.0
2001	4-4	#4	342	445	23.6-26.0
2000	4-4	#5	360	398	23.3-27.6
1999	5-3	#4	401	314	29.4-20.4
1998	5-3	#5	345	300	23.6-18.4

TOP 5 CAREER RECORD LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
1. Zack Mills 7,212	1. Curt Warner 3,398	1. Bobby Engram 3,026
2. Tony Sacca 5,869	2. Blair Thomas 3,301	2. Bryant Johnson 2,008
3. Chuck Fusina 5,382	3. Curtis Enis 3,256	3. Kenny Jackson 2,006
4. Kerry Collins 5,304	4. DJ Dozier 3,227	4. OJ McDuffie 1,988
5. Todd Blackledge 4,812	5. Larry Johnson 2,953	5. Joe Jurevicius 1,894

LAST 10 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	OPPONENT	SCORE
91	Fiesta	Tennessee	42-17
92	Blockbuster	Stanford	3-24
93	Citrus	Tennessee	31-13
94	Rose	Oregon	38-20
95	Outback	Auburn	43-14
96	Fiesta	Texas	38-15
97	Citrus	Florida	6-21
98	Outback	Kentucky	26-14
99	Alamo	Texas A&M	24-0
02	Capital One	Auburn	9-13

Penn St's SU Bowl Record 23-12-2

Last 6 Big 10 Titles 1994

AP/Cch/UPI Nat'l Champs 1986 1982

STADIUM: BEAVER STADIUM (107,282)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	10 Yr Total
Record	8-3	10-2	9-2	8-3	9-3	5-7	5-6	9-3	3-9	4-7	70-45
Home	4-2	6-1	5-1	6-0	5-2	4-2	3-3	7-1	3-4	3-3	46-19
Away	4-1	4-1	4-1	2-3	4-1	1-5	2-3	2-2	0-5	1-4	24-26

PENN ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 10 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	17.7	17	130	3.9	181	51.6	17.5	-3	2004	6	15.3	17	129	3.2	162	56.5	19.1
5*	19.4	18	122	3.7	191	50.0	16.1	-6	2003	5	21.3	20	209	4.3	153	51.4	17.1
8*	34.3	21	229	5.7	195	56.4	12.3	+14	2002	6	17.4	19	115	3.1	215	63.4	18.9
4	22.5	19	120	3.4	226	50.4	15.3	-11	2001	6	25.5	23	206	4.4	237	56.7	17.4
7	22.0	18	142	3.8	183	51.5	14.8	+4	2000	2	24.4	19	156	3.6	208	55.4	14.9
8*	32.1	19	186	4.5	225	56.6	12.8	+2	1999	9	19.5	17	114	2.9	198	51.3	17.3
6	26.4	18	192	4.5	171	50.5	13.7	+3	1998	5	15.3	17	98	2.7	209	53.2	20.1
5	30.5	20	195	4.9	204	52.2	13.1	-8	1997	6	21.2	22	188	4.3	211	55.4	18.9
3*	27.8	20	213	4.9	170	51.7	13.8	+12	1996	9	15.6	18	146	3.6	199	50.8	21.0
7	33.2	23	213	4.8	213	56.7	12.8	+9	1995	4	21.6	20	128	3.4	225	56.8	16.4

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tony Hunt	169	818	41	777	7	4.6
Austin Scott	55	321	9	312	2	5.7
Michael Robinson	49	232	60	172	0	3.5
Rodney Kinlaw	23	106	13	93	0	4.0
Zack Mills	51	156	84	72	4	1.4
Mike Gasparato	7	42	4	38	1	5.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Zack Mills	268	155	57.8	1722	9	12
Michael Robinson	39	14	35.9	170	1	5
Chris Ganter	27	8	29.6	52	0	1
Anthony Morelli	13	5	38.5	45	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Michael Robinson	33	485	14.7	3	49
Tony Hunt	39	334	8.6	0	32
Gerald Smith	20	254	12.7	0	27
Isaac Smolko	21	192	9.1	2	20
Mark Rubin	16	187	11.7	0	20
Terrance Phillips	9	153	17.0	1	33
Paul Jefferson	16	106	6.6	0	20
Terrell Golden	3	60	20.0	1	37
Zack Mills	2	57	28.5	1	39

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Kapinos	61	2549	41.8	14	36.6	0	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Robbie Gould	22-23	4-5	1-3	2-3	0-2	7-13	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Paul Posluszny	104	3	9	3	1
Dan Connor	85	1	4	0	1
Andrew Guman	67	1	6	7	0
Derek Wake	58	1	3	0	0
Matthew Rice	51	3	3	0	0
Tamba Hali	51	2	10	1	1
Calvin Lowry	50	1	1	1	4
Tim Shaw	50	0.5	1	5	1
Alan Zemaitis	47	0	1	6	2
Anwar Phillips	41	0	1	10	4
Scott Paxson	33	3	6	3	0
Jay Alford	24	1.5	2	5	0
Ed Johnson	21	0	4	2	0
Lavon Chisley	14	1	1	3	1
JR Zwierzynski	9	1	0	1	0
Donnie Johnson	6	0	0	0	0
Ethan Kilmer	6	0	0	0	0
Nolan McCready	5	0	0	1	0
Gerald Smith	3	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Calvin Lowry	28	232	8.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Rodney Kinlaw	10	198	19.8	0
Austin Scott	8	156	19.5	0
Tony Hunt	8	112	14.0	0

2004 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Akron	27	41-352	8.6	16-23	193	1	20	31-72	2.3	29-36	223	2	+3
at Boston Coll	21	21-73	3.5	23-41	254	1	19	40-129	3.2	23-31	199	1	-4
UCF	24	41-247	6.0	22-34	277	0	11	31-60	1.9	13-33	121	2	-4
at Wisconsin	9	26-70	2.7	8-28	87	4	17	46-130	2.8	12-29	150	1	0
at Minnesota	16	22-21	1.0	24-48	250	2	18	56-288	5.1	8-18	113	1	-1
Purdue	15	17-18	1.1	29-51	293	2	17	32-73	2.3	24-35	275	3	+2
Iowa	6	29-51	1.8	9-28	96	2	10	40-42	1.1	14-31	126	3	-3
at Ohio St	18	50-177	3.5	7-22	69	3	13	44-143	3.3	6-8	59	3	0
Northwestern	13	30-97	3.2	21-35	183	2	22	44-186	4.2	15-27	205	1	+1
at Indiana	20	40-131	3.3	12-24	182	1	18	46-138	3.0	11-22	137	2	-1
Michigan St	18	50-192	3.8	11-19	105	1	17	33-161	4.9	20-40	177	0	+4
TOTALS	187	367-1429	3.9	182-353	1989	19	182	443-1422	3.2	175-310	1785	19	-3
AVERAGES	17.0	33-130	3.9	17-32	181	1.7	16.5	40-129	3.2	16-28	162	1.7	-0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Arizona	41-7 W
Akron	70-24 W
Pittsburgh	20-17 W
at Miami, Fl	27-23 W
Indiana	45-24 W
at Iowa	31-7 W
Ohio St	23-10 W
at Purdue	31-25 W
at Illinois	27-7 W
Minnesota	23-24 L
Michigan	27-31 L
at Michigan St	28-35 L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
† USC	5-29 L
Toledo	6-24 L
Louisiana Tech	67-7 W
at Pittsburgh	0-12 L
at Ohio St	6-45 L
Purdue	22-20 W
at Minnesota	16-25 L
Illinois	39-25 W
at Indiana	27-24 W
Iowa	OT 23-26 L
at Michigan	11-33 L
Michigan St	42-23 W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Miami, Fl	7-33 L
Wisconsin	6-18 L
at Iowa	18-24 L
Michigan	0-20 L
at Northwestern	38-35 W
Ohio St	29-27 W
S Mississippi	38-20 W
at Illinois	28-33 L
Indiana	28-14 W
at Michigan St	42-37 W
at Virginia	14-20 L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
UCF	27-24 W
Nebraska	40-7 W
Louisiana Tech	49-17 W
Iowa	OT 35-42 L
at Wisconsin	34-31 W
at Michigan	OT 24-27 L
Northwestern	49-0 W
at Ohio St	7-13 L
Illinois	18-7 W
Virginia	35-14 W
at Indiana	58-25 W
Michigan St	61-7 W

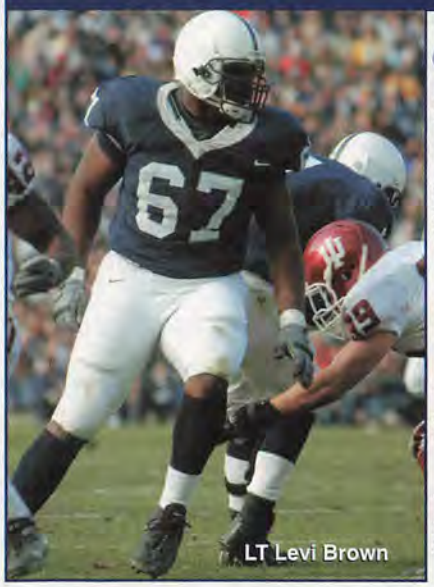
2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Temple	23-10 W
Boston College	14-27 L
at Nebraska	10-18 L
Kent St	32-10 W
Minnesota	14-20 L
Wisconsin	23-30 L
at Purdue	14-28 L
at Iowa	14-26 L
Ohio St	20-21 L
at Northwestern	7-17 L
Indiana	52-7 W
at Michigan St	10-41 L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Akron	48-10 W
at Boston College	7-21 L
UCF	37-13 W
at Wisconsin	3-16 L
at Minnesota	7-16 L
Purdue	13-20 L
Iowa	4-6 L
at Ohio St	10-21 L
Northwestern	7-14 L
at Indiana	22-18 W
Michigan St	37-13 W

PENN ST 2005 DEPTH CHART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OFFENSE

WR
#80 MARK RUBIN SO.
6-3 213 **PS#67**
Burned RS for L/8 gms, 6 sts, 16 rec (11.7) as true.
#7 JUSTIN KING FR.
6-0 181 **PS#4DB**
Enrolled in January '05. 4.3 speed. Expected to be DB/WR as true.

TB
#26 TONY HUNT JR.
6-2 219 **PS#80WR**
11 gms, 10 sts, 777 rush yds (4.6), 39 rec (8.6) LY. 10 gms, 122 snaps, 110 yds (3.2), 2 rec as true.
#33 AUSTIN SCOTT JR.
6-0 212 **PS#16**
Out spring '05 with broken ankle. 10 gms, 312 yds (5.7), 5 rec (7.4), 8 KR (19.5) LY. 10 gms, 4 sts, #1 rusher with 436 yds (4.4), 7 rec (6.7) as true.

FB
#30 BRANDON SNOW JR.
6-1 242 **PS#11**
4.4 speed. Moved from LB to FB in spring '05. Broken bone in foot last August. 11 gms at FB, 2 yds as rFr.
#34 MATT HAHN SO.
6-0 219 **PS#26**
4.5 speed. Burned RS for last 7 gms, 6 rec (6.5) as true.

K
#NA KEVIN KELLY FR.
5-9 175 **PS#6**
10 of 17 FG's, long of 43, 58 of 59 xp's as HS Sr. 6 career FG's of 50+ in career.
#13 PATRICK HUMES rFR.
5-8 150 **PS#84**
Turned down scholarships to walk-on here. Made 13 FG's & 124 xp's in HS career.

QB
#12 MICHAEL ROBINSON SR.
6-2 210 **PS#171**
9 gms, 8 sts (3 at QB, 5 at WR), 170 pass yds (36%), 1-5 ratio, 232 rush yds, 33 rec (14.7) LY. 11 gms, 8 sts (3 at QB, 5 at TB), 892 pass yds (45%), 5-5 ratio, 510 rush yds, 10 rec in '03. 13 gms, 2 sts at RB, 119 pass yds (59%), 0-1 ratio, 291 rush yds, 9 rec as rFr.
#14 ANTHONY MORELLI SO.
6-4 214 **PS#6**
5 gms, 5 of 13 for 45 yds w/1 int as true.

WR
#2 DERRICK WILLIAMS FR.
6-0 191 **PS#1DB**
Enrolled in January '05 and worked with #1 offense in spring. 4.24 speed!
#4 TERRELL GOLDEN SO.
6-3 212 **PS#51**
4.4 speed. 9 gms, 1 st at WR, 3 rec (20.0), 1 TD as rFr.

RT
#68 JOHN WILSON SR.
6-6 317 **PS#28**
6 sts (4 at RT, 2 at LT) LY, 2 gms in '03. 1 gm, 24 plays as rFr.
#50 ANDREW RICHARDSON SR.
6-5 306 **PS#11TE**
6 sts at RT, benched at midyear in '04. 12 gms, 159 snaps, 2nd string OT in '03. 9 gms, 122 plays at TE, 1 rec as rFr.

RG
#74 TYLER REED SR.
6-4 307 **PS#10**
425 bench. 9 sts at RG LY. Last 10 sts at RG, 808 snaps in '03. 2nd string, 4 gms as rFr.
#71 MARK FARRIS JR.
6-6 286 **PS#9**
77" wingspan. 2nd string LY, 2 gms as rFr. PA OL of yr as HS Sr.

C
#77 EZ SMITH SR.
6-1 278 **PS#13**
Suspended indefinitely in spring. 400 bench. 11 sts at C LY. Sat out '03 (acad). 12 gms, 6 sts (5 at LG, 1 at RG), 440 plays as rFr.
#72 TRENT VARVA rFR.
6-2 302 **PS#50**
C on scout team in redshirt season. Good footwork.

LG
#59 CHARLES RUSH SR.
6-2 304 **PS#4DL**
11 sts at LG LY. Last 8 sts at LG, 489 snaps in '03. 10 gms at DT, 50 plays, 7 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr.
#65 ROBERT PRICE JR.
6-0 298 **PS#74DL**
2nd string LY. OG/C. HS wrestler.

LT
#67 LEVI BROWN JR.
6-5 324 **PS#47DL**
10 sts (9 at LT, 1 at RT) LY. 12 sts at LT, 841 snaps as rFr. DT on scout tm as true.
#58 GREG HARRISON rFR.
6-5 283 **PS#18**
#2 C in August & September but moved to RT on scout tm as true.

TE
#81 ISAAC SMOLKO SR.
6-5 257 **PS#15**
11 sts, 21 rec (9.1) despite playing with broken wrist LY. 11 gms, 1 st, 117 snaps, 1 rec in '03. 2 gms, 23 plays as rFr.
#44 PATRICK HALL JR.
6-2 251 **PS#116QB**
10 gms, 1 st at TE, 1 rec LY. 8 gms, 69 snaps, 3 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr.

DEFENSE

DE
#91 TAMBA HALI SR.
6-3 267 **PS#13**
2nd TM Big 10, 11 sts at DE, 51 tkls, 12 tfl LY. 11 sts at DT, 604 snaps, 53 tkls, 6 tfl in '03. 12 gms, 156 snaps, 10 tkls, 1 tfl as true.
#17 LAVON CHISLEY SR.
6-5 259 **PS#79WR**
89" wingspan. 11 gms, 14 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 pbu LY. 12 gms, 9 sts at DE, 650 snaps, 41 tkls, 7 tfl, 5 pbu in '03. 13 gms, 221 snaps, 12 tkls, 1 int as rFr.

DT
#13 JAY ALFORD JR.
6-3 285 **PS#42**
Most Improved Defensive player in spring '05. 11 gms, 7 sts at DT, 24 tkls, 3.5 tfl LY. 10 gms, 8 sts at DT, 481 snaps as rFr.
#95 ELIJAH ROBINSON SO.
6-2 285 **PS#18**
1 tkl in 3 gms as true LY. Sat out 2003 after originally signing out of HS with Tulane.

DT
#41 SCOTT PAXSON SR.
6-5 284 **PS#58**
11 sts at DT, 33 tkls, 9 tfl, 3 pbu, 4 blk'd FG's LY. 11 gms, 1 st at DT, 306 snaps, 13 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 blk'd kicks in '03. L/9 gms, 70 snaps, 2 tkls on sp tms & OLB.
#78 JOHN SHAW JR.
6-4 294 **PS#30**
4 gms, 1 tkl LY. Burned RS for L/5 gms, 73 plays, 2 tkls as true. 225 bench 27 times.

DE
#55 MATTHEW RICE SR.
6-4 256 **PS#34**
11 sts at DE, 51 tkls, 6 tfl LY. 12 gms, 8 sts at DE, 506 snaps, 32 tkls, 2 tfl in '03. 9 gms, 151 plays, 9 tkls as true.
#99 JIM SHAW JR.
6-3 260 **PS#650**
Transferred from Rice in '04. 12 sts (8 at DE, 4 ar DT), 45 tkls, 5 tfl as rFr. Only PSU's 3rd scholarship transfer under Paterno.

CB
#21 ALAN ZEMAITIS SR.
6-2 201 **PS#72**
'05 Captain. 2nd TM Big 10, 11 sts, 47 tkls, 6 pbu, 2 int LY. HM Big 10, 11 sts, 71 tkls, #1 Big 10 with 18 pbu, 4 int in '03. 13 gms, 105 snaps, 12 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr.

OLB
#40 DAN CONNOR SO.
6-3 220 **PS#3**
FWAA Frosh AA, 10 gms, 4 sts, 85 tkls, 5 tfl as true. Enrolled in January '04. 1807 rush yds & 28 TD as HS Sr RB.
#46 TYRELL SALES rFR.
6-2 233 **PS#17OL**
4.6 speed. LB/DE. Redshirted as true.

MLB
#20 TIM SHAW JR.
6-1 233 **PS#60RB**
1 of tm's fastest with 4.4 speed. 9 gms, 7 sts, 50 tkls, 5 pbu LY. RS'd in '03. 12 gms at RB & sp tms, 101 plays, 78 total yds as true. MI HS 100m champ.
#52 DONTEY BROWN rFR.
6-2 231 **PS#21**
Impressed staff in spring '05 with improved quickness.

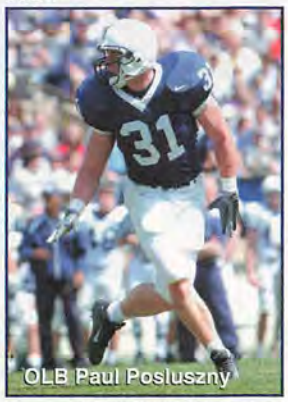
OLB
#31 PAUL POSLUSZNY JR.
6-2 229 **PS#32**
'05 Captain. 4.45 speed. 2nd TM Big 10. 1st Soph to lead PSU in tkls (104) since '92, 12 tfl LY. L/8 gms, 1 st, 187 snaps, 36 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 1567 rush yds as HS Sr.
#35 JR ZWIERZYNSKI JR.
6-2 235 **PS#16RB**
4.5 speed. 8 gms, 9 tkls, 1 sk LY. 8 gms on sp tms in '03. 2340 rush yds & 39 TD as HS Sr at RB.

CB
#1 ANWAR PHILLIPS SR.
6-1 182 **PS#402**
11 sts, 41 tkls, 10 pbu, 4 int LY. L/10 gms, 2 sts, 193 plays, 13 tkls, 4 pbu in '03. 13 gms, 1 st, 20 tkls, 3 pbu, 2 int as rFr.
#11 TONY DAVIS rFR.
5-10 189 **PS#56**
41" VL. Redshirted as a true frosh.

FS
#27 CHRIS HARRELL SR.
6-2 210 **PS#69WR**
Redshirted LY recovering from back inj. 12 gms, 7 sts at FS, 505 snaps, 49 tkls, 1 tfl in '03. 11 sts at SS, 85 tkls, 4 tfl, 719 plays in '02. 11 gms, 70 plays, 6 tkls as true.
#29 PAUL CRONIN SR.
6-2 216
10 gms, 4 sts, 23 tkls, 1 int, holder on sp tms LY. 12 gms, 120 snaps, 1 tkl in '03. 10 gms, 1 st, 16 tkls, 5 tfl as rFr.

P
#36 JEREMY KAPINOS JR.
6-1 222 **PS#39**
Lefty. **HM Big 10**, 59 punts, 41.8 avg, 36.6 net LY. 68 punts, 41.9 avg, 33.3 net as rFr. 37 avg, 13 inside 15 as HS Sr. Goalie on VA soccer champs.

SS
#10 CALVIN LOWRY SR.
6-0 200 **PS#28**
11 sts, 50 tkls, 2 tfl, 28 PR (8.3) LY. 12 gms, 1 st at CB, 247 plays, 20 tkls, 20 KR (18.8) in '03. 4 gms, 2 sts at SS until broken leg, 14 tkls, 1 int as true.
#6 DONNIE JOHNSON JR.
6-0 205 **PS#45**
Moved from TB to DB in spring '04, 10 gms, 6 tkls. 11 gms at RB/WR, 170 snaps, 52 total yds as rFr.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OFFENSE

Offensive Coor/RB's: Galen Hall, 2nd year
PSU's starting QB in '60 & '61. Hall arrived here after a long professional journey. Previous stops include the NFL (Dallas RB coach '02-'03), NFL Europe (Rein Fire HC '95-'00), World League (Orlando HC '91-'92), Arena league (Charlotte HC '94), XFL (Orlando HC '01), Big Eight (Oklahoma OC '66-'83) and the SEC (Florida HC '84-'89).

Quarterbacks: Jay Paterno, 11th year
The son of Joe, Paterno is in his 5th season as QB coach. Previously he served as TE Coach/ Recruiting Coordinator from '95-'99. He spent the '94 season as the QB coach at James Madison.

WR's/Recruiting Coor: Mike McQueary, 2nd yr
Youngest staff member who played QB here from '94-97, starting as a senior. McQueary was a grad assistant here from '00-02 and an administrative assistant in '03.

TE/OT's: Bill Kenney, 18th year
Veteran who has spent his entire professional coaching career as a PSU assistant. Previously Kenney worked with the OL from '95-99 and the OL & TE's from '89-'94.

OG/C's: Dick Anderson, 29th year
The senior member of Paterno's staff, Anderson is in his 6th season working with the OG's and C's. He was the Lions' QB coach from '93-'99 helping to tutor #1 DC Kerry Collins. He was the Lions OL coach from '90-'92 and from '73-'83. He was Rutgers HC from '84-'89 compiling a 27-34-4 record including an upset of PSU in '88.

DEFENSE

Defensive Coor/CB's: Tom Bradley, 27th year
Bradley became the Lions DC in '00 following the retirement of Jerry Sandusky in addition to his duties mentoring the CB's. Last year the Lions were the only team in the NCAA not to allow 21 points in a game. Bradley has been a jack of all trades in his PSU career coaching nearly every position on defense, coordinating the special teams and acting as the school's Recruiting Coordinator.

Defensive Line: Larry Johnson, 10th year
Father of former AA RB Larry and WR Tony, Johnson has coached five 1st Team All Big 10 performers including #1 DC Courtney Brown, Michael Haynes and Jimmy Kennedy. He came to PSU after a successful career as a HS head coach.

Linebackers: Ron Vanderlinden, 5th year
Arrived at PSU after serving as Maryland's HC from '97-00 compiling a 15-29 record. His previous Big 10 experience includes a highly successful run as the DC at Northwestern from '92-'96. He also served on Bill McCartney's staff at Colorado from '84-'91.

Defensive Backs: Brian Norwood, 5th year
One of the rare assistants on Paterno's staff who had no prior experience in Big 10 football, Norwood concentrates on the Lions safeties. Previously he was the DB coach at Texas Tech ('00) and Navy ('95-'99).

Strength: John Thomas, 14th year
The 1997 National Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year, Thomas came to PSU after serving as the strength coach at Army in '90-'91. In 2002 was selected as Master of Strength and Conditioning Coach, a title held by fewer than 30 people worldwide.

GAME BY GAME TEAM STATS

VERSUS	AKRON	BC	UCF	WISC	MINN	PUR	IOWA	OHIO ST	N'WSTRN	IND	MICH ST	TOTALS
SCORE	48	7	37	3	7	13	4	10	7	22	37	195
FD's	27	21	24	9	16	15	6	18	13	20	18	187
TOTAL YARDS	545	327	524	157	271	311	147	246	280	313	297	3418
RUSH YARDS	41-352	21-73	41-247	26-70	22-21	17-18	29-51	50-177	30-97	40-131	50-192	367-1429
PASS YARDS	193	254	277	87	250	293	96	69	183	182	105	1989
COM-ATT	16-23	23-41	22-34	8-28	24-48	29-51	9-28	7-22	21-35	12-24	11-19	182-353
INT	0	4	2	2	1	0	4	2	1	2	1	19
SACKS VS/Yds	1-5	1-7	0-0	4-31	2-21	2-0	2-1	3-17	2-7	1-12	1-8	19-109
FUMBLES/Lost	0-0	1-1	4-4	1-1	1-1	0-0	3-1	3-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	15-8
OPPONENTS STATS												
SCORE	10	21	13	16	16	20	6	21	14	18	13	168
FD's	20	19	11	17	18	17	10	13	22	18	17	182
TOTAL YARDS	295	328	181	280	401	348	168	202	391	275	338	3207
RUSH YARDS	31-72	40-129	31-60	46-130	56-288	32-73	40-42	44-143	44-186	46-138	33-161	443-1422
PASS YARDS	223	199	121	150	113	275	126	59	205	137	177	1785
COM-ATT	29-36	23-31	13-33	12-29	8-18	24-35	14-31	6-8	15-27	11-22	20-40	175-310
INT	2	0	1	2	1	2	1	0	1	1	5	16
SACKS BY/Yds	2-12	1-5	2-10	1-8	1-7	3-0	3-19	3-22	1-8	2-20	0-0	19-111
FUMBLES/Lost	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	2-2	3-1	1-0	0-0	12-8

INDIVIDUAL GAME PERFORMANCES

RUSHING	AKRON	BC	UCF	WISC	MINN	PUR	IOWA	OHIO ST	N'WSTRN	IND	MICH ST
Tony Hunt	8-137-1	14-41-0	16-125-3	16-72-0	15-35-0	10-19-1	16-48-0	20-85-1	23-96-0	15-52-1	16-67-1
Austin Scott	11-116-2	–	6-47-0	1-1-0	3-8-0	3-4-0	2-6-0	3-13-0	2-1-0	14-74-0	10-42-0
Michael Robinson	4-16-0	4-35-0	9-51-0	5-(-3)-0	–	–	6-7-0	20-58-0	0-0-0	1-8-0	0-0-0
PASSING											
Zack Mills	9-11-0	23-41-4	19-29-2	1-2-1	24-46-1	29-49-0	7-19-2	–	21-34-0	11-19-1	11-18-1
(Com-Att-Ints-Yds-TD)	108-2	254-1	229-1	49-0	250-1	293-1	82-0		183-1	169-1	105-1
Michael Robinson	3-4-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	1-3-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-9-2	7-21-2	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
	42-1		39-0	6-0			14-0	69-0	0-0		
Chris Ganter	2-2-0	0-0-0	0-2-0	6-23-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
	20-0		0-0	32-0							
RECEIVING											
Michael Robinson	3-35-1	5-54-0	7-93-0	1-49-0	–	–	3-52-0	0-0-0	4-63-0	6-99-1	4-10-1
Tony Hunt	1-4-0	7-55-0	1-1-0	1-(-2)-0	7-110-0	7-53-0	1-5-0	2-17-0	10-74-0	1-13-0	1-4-0
Gerald Smith	4-48-0	5-74-0	3-58-0	1-6-0	1-15-0	5-46-0	–	–	–	0-0-0	1-7-0
Isaac Smolko	1-19-0	2-15-0	1-15-0	0-0-0	1-6-1	7-44-0	2-18-0	1-18-0	4-33-1	2-24-0	0-0-0
Mark Rubin	–	–	–	2-21-0	6-60-0	3-38-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	3-46-0	1-18-0
Terrance Phillips	1-17-1	2-39-0	1-23-0	1-6-0	0-0-0	2-53-0	1-6-0	1-9-0	–	0-0-0	–

PENN ST'S 2005 ROSTER

#	Name	Yr	POS	HT	WT	Hometown
13	Jay Alford	JR	DT	6-3	285	Orange, NJ
66	Lance Antolick	SR	C	6-3	275	Jersey Shore, PA
79	Chris Auletta	SO	T	6-4	293	Massapequa Park, NY
32	Pat Bedics	SO	LB	6-0	240	Bethlehem, PA
70	Wyatt Bowman	rFR	G	6-5	321	Camp Hill, PA
52	Dontey Brown	rFR	LB	6-2	231	McKeesport, PA
61	Josh Brown	FR	OL	6-2	275	State College, PA
67	Levi Brown	JR	T	6-5	324	Norfolk, VA
49	Dorian Burton	SR	LB	6-0	224	State College, PA
3	Deon Butler	rFR	WR	5-10	163	Woodbridge, VA
76	Gerald Cadogan	rFR	T	6-5	302	Portsmouth, OH
75	Richard Cheek	JR	G	6-1	287	Philadelphia, PA
17	Lavon Chisley	SR	DE	6-5	259	Waldorf, MD
51	Joe Cianciolo	JR	LB	6-0	226	Charleston, SC
15	Paul Cianciolo	rFR	QB	6-4	224	Charleston, SC
16	Francis Claude	FR	DE	6-5	250	Laval, Quebec
40	Dan Connor	SO	LB	6-3	220	Wallingford, PA
16	Dan Corrado	JR	WR	5-11	203	Verona, NJ
29	Paul Cronin	SR	Saf	6-2	216	Uniontown, OH
90	Nick Daise	JR	KS	6-1	233	Camp Hill, PA
88	Kevin Darling	JR	LB	6-3	238	Springfield, VA
11	Tony Davis	rFR	CB	5-10	189	Warren, OH
71	Mark Farris	JR	G	6-6	286	Pittsburgh, PA
47	Josh Gaines	rFR	DE	6-2	258	Fort Wayne, IN
9	Jason Ganter	SO	Saf	6-0	191	State College, PA
4	Terrell Golden	SO	WR	6-3	212	Norfolk, VA
34	Matt Hahn	SO	RB	6-0	219	Dix Hills, NY
91	Tamba Hali	SR	DE	6-3	267	Teaneck, NJ
44	Patrick Hall	JR	TE	6-2	251	Canton, GA
22	Darien Hardy	JR	Saf	5-10	185	Philadelphia, PA
45	Ryan Harford	rFR	FB	6-1	241	Springfield, PA
27	Chris Harrell	SR	Saf	6-2	210	Euclid, OH
58	Greg Harrison	FR	T	6-5	283	Shenandoah, PA
6	Mike Hart	SO	QB	6-0	195	Westlake Village, CA
22	Jed Hill	rFR	FB	6-2	250	Struthers, OH
56	Austin Hinton	rFR	G	6-2	282	Secaucus, NJ
73	Joel Holler	SO	T	6-5	324	Lancaster, PA
13	Patrick Humes	rFR	K	5-8	150	Wexford, PA
26	Tony Hunt	JR	TB	6-2	219	Alexandria, VA
94	Blase Iorio	JR	DT	6-0	274	Sharpsville, PA
6	Donnie Johnson	JR	Saf	6-0	205	Cincinnati, OH
5	Jim Kanuch	JR	WR	6-1	192	Johnstown, PA
43	Ethan Kilmer	SR	WR	6-0	205	Wyalusing, PA
7	Justin King	FR	DB	6-0	181	Monroeville, PA
8	Rodney Kinlaw	SO	TB	5-9	193	Goose Creek, SC
19	Andy Kubic	JR	LB	6-4	201	Honolulu, HI
75	Lee Kuzemchak	JR	DT	6-4	288	Clymer, PA
38	Dan Lawlor	rFR	FB	6-1	243	Mechanicsburg, PA
10	Calvin Lowry	SR	Saf	6-0	200	Fayetteville, NC
86	Mike Lucian	rFR	DT	6-2	273	New Market, MD
89	Jordan Lyons	rFR	TE	6-5	248	Atlanta, GA
57	Chris Mauriello	SO	LB	6-1	224	Landsdale, PA
24	Nolan McCready	JR	Saf	6-0	199	Wyomissing, PA
87	Greg Miskinis	rFR	TE	6-5	236	Lewistown, PA
14	Anthony Morelli	SO	QB	6-4	214	Pittsburgh, PA
61	Ross Muir	rFR	DE	6-3	271	Noblesville, IN
24	Jordan Norwood	FR	WR	5-10	160	State College, PA
64	Rich Ohrnberger	FR	OL	6-2	289	East Meadow, NY
48	Matt Pavelic	JR	LB	6-1	226	Mechanicsburg, PA
98	Mike Pawlikowski	SR	DE	6-4	256	Holland, PA
41	Scott Paxson	SR	DT	6-5	284	Philadelphia, PA
25	Brendan Perretta	SO	WR	5-7	176	Altoona, PA
1	Anwar Phillips	SR	CB	6-1	182	Germantown, MD
36	Nick Pinchek	SO	RB	6-1	197	Coplay, PA
31	Paul Posluszny	JR	LB	6-2	229	Aliquippa, PA
65	Robert Price	JR	G	6-0	298	Shaker Heights, OH
21	Joe Prokopik	SR	WR	5-11	176	Pittsburgh, PA
54	Amani Purcell	SO	DE	6-3	262	Leone, American Samoa
49	Brandon Ream	JR	P	6-2	205	Centre Hall, PA
74	Tyler Reed	SR	G	6-4	307	Jefferson Borough, PA
46	Curt Reese	SR	Saf	5-10	174	Bellefonte, PA
55	Matthew Rice	SR	DE	6-4	256	Baltimore, MD
50	Andrew Richardson	SR	T	6-5	306	Pittsburgh, PA
37	Spencer Ridenhour	rFR	OLB	6-0	204	White Plains, NY
53	Steve Roach	JR	DT	6-2	304	Martinsburg, WV
95	Elijah Robinson	SO	DT	6-2	285	Camden, NJ
12	Michael Robinson	SR	QB	6-2	217	Richmond, VA
28	Pat Rosenella	SR	K	5-6	161	Harrisburg, PA
35	John Royse	SR	CB	6-0	182	State College, PA
80	Mark Rubin	SO	WR	6-3	213	Amherst, NY
59	Charles Rush	SR	G	6-2	304	Erie, PA
46	Tyrell Sales	rFR	LB	6-2	233	Butler, PA
69	Tommy Schnell	FR	DT	6-5	294	Johnson City, TN
33	Austin Scott	JR	TB	6-0	212	Allentown, PA
42	Adam Senk	SR	FB	6-1	231	Cortland, OH
99	Jim Shaw	JR	DT	6-3	260	Spring Grove, PA
78	John Shaw	JR	T	6-4	294	Spring Grove, PA
20	Tim Shaw	JR	LB	6-1	233	Livonia, MI
57	AQ Shipley	rFR	C	6-1	292	Coraopolis, PA
81	Isaac Smolko	SR	TE	6-5	257	Petersburg, OH
30	BranDon Snow	JR	FB	6-1	242	Wilmington, DE
18	Kevin Suhey	FR	QB	6-1	199	State College, PA
82	Vic Surma	JR	WR	6-0	193	Pittsburgh, PA
63	Joe Toriello	rFR	G	6-5	296	Landsdowne, PA
72	Trent Varva	rFR	C	6-2	302	Lake Orion, MI
32	Rocky Washington	rFR	CB	5-7	161	Beaver Falls, PA
60	Patrick Weber	SO	C	6-1	267	Arnold, PA
2	Derrick Williams	FR	WR	6-0	191	Greenbelt, MD
68	John Wilson	SR	T	6-6	317	Ormond Beach, FL
15	Brent Wise	SO	CB	5-10	198	Harrisburg, PA
21	Alan Zemaitis	SR	CB	6-2	201	Rochester, NY
35	JR Zwierzynski	JR	OLB	6-2	235	Oswego, IL

PENN ST NITTANY LIONS THE LAST 3 YEARS

2004 SEASON

RECORD: 4-7 BIG 10 RECORD: 2-6

PENN ST 48 Akron 10 - PSU led 41-3 after 2Q's. At the half PSU had a 348-179 yd edge. PSU scored a TD to open the 3Q, 48-3. AU got a garbage time TD with mostly backups in for Penn St.
BOSTON COLLEGE 21 Penn St 7 - BC would drive 80 yds in 16 plays including 2 roughing the P for a 7-0 lead. Zack Mills hit 23 of 41 for 254 yds but had 4 int for PSU. The teams traded TO's and PSU fmbl'd. BC went 74 yds with a 26 yd TD pass, 14-0. At the half BC had a 202-127 yd edge. In the 3Q PSU opened with a 61 yd, 8 play drive for a TD, 14-7. BC drove 74 yds in 16 plays incl a 4th & 2 conv at the 16. Their 2 yd TD pass made it 21-7 with 2:35 left in the 3Q.
PENN ST 37 Ucf 13 - PSU dominated with a 521-181 yd edge and won despite 6 TO's. UCF started at the 26 but had to settle for a 33 yd FG. PSU went 80 yds in 11 plays and got a TD, 7-3. After a short 24 yd punt was ret'd 15 yds, PSU got a 1 play, 26 yd TD, 14-3. UCF punted and PSU was int'd and ret'd it to the 9 with :42 left in the half. UCF, however, settled for a 22 yd FG, 21-6. At the half PSU had a 252-91 yd edge and 11-4 FD edge. UCF went 3 & out and the snap went through the P's hands in the back of the EZ for a safety, 23-6. Following the free kick, PSU got a 27 yd pass and a 33 yd TD run by Hunt and led 30-6. UCF got a 54 yd PR for a TD. PSU went 3 & out but roughing the P gave them a FD and they would go on & score on a 21 yd TD run by backup RB Gasparato.
WISCONSIN 16 Penn St 3 - The key here was PSU losing their top 2 QB's and relying on 3rd stringer Chris Ganter who hit just 6 of 23 for 32 yds. UW went 44 yds in 8 plays for a TD, 7-0. UW went 56 yds in 9 plays and hit a 39 yd FG. Ganter was int'd and ret'd to the 26. At this point PSU actually had a 105-86 yd edge. UW made a 38 yd FG, 13-0. At the half PSU had a 110-92 yd edge. UW opened the 2H going 72 yds for a 26 yd FG. PSU went 74 yds & settled for a 23 yd FG after having a 1st & goal.
MINNESOTA 16 Penn St 7 - UM onside kicked to open and drove 41 yds in 10 plays. They had a 1st & goal at the 8 but settled for a 21 yd FG, 3-0. After a PSU punt UM went 86 yds in 9 plays and on 4th & 1 got a TD, 10-0. At the half UM had a 196-124 yd edge and the FD's were only 8-7. In the 3Q UM opened with a 78 yd, 11 play drive for a TD, 16-0 (xp blk'd). PSU went 52 yds in 8 plays for a TD with 1:05 left in the 3Q, 16-7. PSU got to the UM 17 but was int'd.
Purdue 20 PENN ST 13 - PP actually called for PSU to outpass PU in this game and they did 293-275. After a 16 yd PR, PU started at the PSU 39 and nailed a 50 yd FG, 3-0. After a punt PU drove 86 yds in 7 plays and got a TD,10-0. PSU answered with a 62 yd, 6 play drive and a 37 yd TD pass to Golden made it 10-7. PSU went 46 yds in 9 plays and nailed a 38 yd FG with :24 left in the half, 10-10. In the 3Q PU opened with an 80 yd drive for a TD which came on a 40 yd pass, 17-10. PSU went 60 yds in 11 plays but settled for a 27 yd FG, 17-13. PU went on a 44 yd drive and nailed a 46 yd FG for a 7 pt lead with 2:48 left. After a 64 yd return PSU got to the PU 33 but on 4th & 10 their pass fell incomplete.
Iowa 6 PENN ST 4 - Defenses controlled this game with Iowa having 10 FD's, 3 in the 2H and 1 was the result of a pen and PSU had just 6. Iowa opened going 3 & out and a bad snap on the punt saw the P kick the ball out of the EZ for a safety. Iowa went on a 58 yd, 15 play drive including a 4th & 1 conversion at the PSU 10 but settled for a 27 yd FG, 3-2. PSU was int'd & ret'd it 51 yds to their 10 which set up an Iowa 27 yd FG, 6-2. At the half Iowa had a 95-56 yd edge and 6-2 FD edge. PSU went 39 yds in 10 plays and had a 1st & goal at the 10 but was int'd at the 2 and ret'd 6 yds. Iowa lost 7 yds and then the P ran around and went out of the EZ for a safety with 7:55 left. PSU took over at their 34 but was int'd on the first play at the 40.
OHIO ST 21 Penn St 10 - PSU QB Mills DNP due to a concussion. In the 1Q OSU had 6 plays and 12 ttl yds but led 14-0. OSU got a 62 yd KR to the PSU 35. Seven plays later they got a TD. At the half PSU had 16 plays in OSU territory, twice as many as the Bucks. They had 13-4 FD and 157-63 yd edges but trailed 21-7. PSU went 48 yds in 12 plays. On 4th & goal from the 4 they opted for a 21 yd FG with 9:31 left to finish the scoring.
Northwestern 14 PENN ST 7 - PSU ran a HB option to Michael Robinson, but under pressure, he threw an int at their own 33 and NW would drive in for a TD, 7-0. NW was int'd at the NW 36 with 3:27 left in the half and it was ret'd 14 yds to the 22. Six plays later PSU had a TD with :37 left in the half, 7-7. At the half NW had a 206-132 yd edge and 11-6 FD edge. NW went 83 yds in 13 plays and got a TD with 14:31 left, 14-7. PSU went 67 yds in 10 plays but pass fell incomplete with 3:27 left.
Penn St 22 INDIANA 18 - PSU was int'd at their own 28. Indy got a TD 2 plays later. PSU went 68 yds in 5 plays and got a 37 yd TD pass, 7-7. PSU had a poor pass was int'd & ret'd it 46 yds for a TD with 12:58 left in the half, 13-7(xpng). At the half PSU had a 175-119 yd edge. PSU went 82 yds in 11 plays and got a TD, 14-13. Indy answered with a 74 yd, 17 play drive. Roughing the passer on 3rd & 19 gave them a FD but they settled for a 23 yd FG with 8:47 left. PSU went 80 yds in 9 plays and got a TD with 4:51 left, 22-16. Indy would go 71 yds in 11 plays but was SOD on 4th & goal at the 2.
PENN ST 37 Michigan St 13 - This was closer than the final score would indicate as PSU benefitted from a 5-1 TO edge. MSU actually had a 338-197 yd edge. PSU picked off 5 int. MSU opened with a 78 yd, 13 play drive but settled for a 19 yd FG. PSU started at the MSU 30 after a 17 yd return and nailed a 47 yd FG, 3-3. MSU went 45 yds in 9 plays and nailed a 52 yd FG on the last play of the half, 6-3. At the half, MSU had a 210-121 yd edge. In the 3Q PSU opened with a 74 yd, 12 play drive for a TD. Two plays later MSU was int'd & ret'd it 5 yds to the 8. Mills ran it in from 8 yds out on the next play, 17-6. MSU was at their own 12. They brought in Dowdell at QB and on 3rd & 5 he was int'd & PSU ret'd it 17 yds to the 10. Mills ran it in from 10 yds out, 24-6. PSU blk'd' the punt and rec'd at the 22. Four plays later Mills hit Robinson with a 6 yd TD pass, 31-6 with :21 left in the 3Q. MSU was int'd at their own 47. PSU went 43 yds in 8 plays but settled for a 27 yd FG, 34-6. A 52 yd KR set up MSU for a 48 yd, 8 play drive with Reeves still at QB, 34-13. PSU ret'd the onside kick to the MSU 28 and got a 43 yd FG with 6:32 left.

2003 SEASON

RECORD: 3-9 BIG 10 RECORD: 1-7

PENN ST 23 Temple 10 - PSU blk'd a punt but missed a 51 yd FG. TU drove 50 yds but missed a 31 yd FG. TU drove 56 yds in the 1H's final :39 but missed a 33 yd FG. Mills hit Johnson for a 56 yd TD, 7-0. TU nailed a 33 yd FG on the last play of the 2Q. TU got an int and ret'd it 49 yds to the PSU 11 early in the 3Q but missed a 27 yd FG. PSU got 39 and 31 yd FG's and then went 77 yds for a TD, 20-3 with 7:45 left. TU drove 82 yds for a TD but after rec the onside kick PSU added a 41 yd FG with 1:47 left.
Boston Coll 27 PENN ST 14 - BC drove 80 and 56 yds for TD's and after an int got a 1 yd TD drive led 21-0 after 1Q. BC added a 31 yd FG early in the 2Q. PSU fmbl'd at the BC 17, but later drove 55 yds for a TD with 1:35 left in the 1H. PSU missed a 55 yd FG on the 2Q's final play, 24-7. In the 3Q BC drove 68 yds in 10 plays for a 30 yd FG. PSU was driving, but fmbl'd at the BC 2. PSU was SOD at the BC 33 and drove 54 yds in 11 plays for a TD with 6:12 left. BC ran out the clock.
NEBRASKA 18 Penn St 10 - NU simply dominated the 1H with a 337-44 yd edge. NU penetrated the PSU 30 eight times in the game whereas PSU would not have an offensive drive cross the NU 50 and their lone TD was set up by a fmbl. NU settled for 36, 35 and 41 yd FG's in the 1H. They were also int'd in the EZ and after getting to the PSU 25 were forced to punt. PSU got a 29 yd TD drive after a fmbl and drove for a 47 yd FG, 10-9 at the half. NU opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive, 15-10 (2 ptng). NU then had a 34 yd FG blk'd but later added a 32 yd'r. PSU was SOD at the NU 44 on their final drive.
PENN ST 32 Kent St 10 - KSU lost QB Cribbs on the 2nd play and the 2 backups (Polk & Smith) combined to hit just 9-23 for 105 yds. KSU rec'd a fmbl'd punt in the EZ for a TD and then drove 63 yds for a 25 yd FG and stunningly led 10-0. PSU drove 80 yds for a TD, 55 yds for a 38 yd FG, fmbl'd at the KSU 19 and drove 70 yds for a TD to lead 17-10 at the half. The Lions had 62 and 79 yd drives for TD's but settled for a 38 yd FG with 3:17 left. PSU finished the game with 26-11 FD and 410-184 yd edges.
Minnesota 20 PENN ST 14 - UM onside kicked and rec'd to open but ended up punting. On their next two poss UM went 43 and 99 yds for TD's. PSU QB Mills got inj'd and Robinson led 79 and 80 yd TD drives sandwiched by a UM 44 yd FG and they pulled within 17-14 with 2:04 left in the 1H. PSU had a FD at the UM 8 but a 3rd & 11 pass, which looked to be incomplete, was ruled an int with :06 left. PSU was SOD at the UM 33, missed a 45 yd FG, and was int'd at the UM 36. The Gophers put together a 51 yd drive for a 30 yd FG with 2:21 left. PSU drove 67 yds and had a FD at the UM 15 but a 4th & 8 pass in the EZ fell incomplete.
Wisconsin 30 PENN ST 23 - PSU fmbl'd at the UW 24 but UW fmbl'd it back and PSU settled for a 36 yd FG. Each team got a long TD drive but PSU missed their xp and only led 9-7. UW got a 55 yd KR to set up a 46 yd FG for a 10-9 lead and PSU fmbl'd the ensuing KO but UW missed a FG. PSU missed a 48 yd FG with 2:06 left in the 1H but fmbl'd a punt on their own 23 with :36. UW got a 24 yd TD pass to lead 17-9 at the half. In the 3Q UW got a 65 yd PR TD to lead 23-9. After PSU got a 73 yd TD pass, UW ran the ball 13 consecutive times in an 80 yd TD drive, 30-16. PSU drove 70 yds for a TD but later missed a 42 yd FG. UW ran off all but :29 and PSU gained 82 of their yds on the final 3 desperation plays.
PURDUE 28 Penn St 14 - PU went 71 yds for a TD but missed a 54 yd FG and led 7-0 after 1Q. PSU kept a drive alive with a fake FG on 4th & 7 for a FD and tied it on the next play. PSU was int'd on their own 30 and PU got a 42 yd FG. PU then got a 75 yd PR for a TD by Chambers who set a single game school record with 149 yds in PR's, 17-7. PU was int'd & Zemaitis ret'd it 90 yds to the 6. PSU got a TD with :24 left in the 2Q, 17-14. PU got a 32 yd FG in the 3Q and then drove 42 yds for a TD & 2 pt conv with 9:44 left, 28-14. PSU was int'd at the PU 15 and fmbl'd with 2:44 left.
IOWA 26 Penn St 14 - UI had a 76 yd drive but an apparent TD was called back on a hold. On the next play PSU's Yisrael int'd a screen pass & ret'd it 83 yds for a TD. Iowa rec'd a fmbl and drove 30 yds for a TD (xp blk'd) and then drove 53 yds for a TD, 12-7 (2 ptng). Iowa blk'd a punt for a TD to open the 3Q. PSU missed a 50 yd FG and Iowa drove 67 yds for a TD, 26-7. Iowa fmbl'd at their own 24 and PSU got a TD two plays later, 26-14. Iowa ended the game at the Lion 15.
Ohio St 21 PENN ST 20 - OSU drove 75 yds for a TD but PSU answered with an 80 yd TD drive. PSU got a huge play when they ret'd an int 78 yds for a TD and then added a 42 yd FG to lead 17-7 at the half. OSU QB Krenzel was inj'd late in the 1H & McMullen QB'd the 2H. OSU opened with an 80 yd TD drive. PSU drove 50 yds but was int'd at the 32. Early in the 4Q PSU added a 48 yd FG, 20-14. OSU drove 72 yds and WR Jenkins outjumped the DB and took the ball away for a TD with 1:35 left. PSU got 2 FD's and then K Kimball, who had been booming his KO's thru the EZ, just missed 60 yd'r on the game's final play. McMullen hit 12-17 for 112 yds.
NORTHWESTERN 17 Penn St 7 - PSU missed a 27 yd FG. PSU drove 78 yds for a TD but then missed a 34 yd FG, 7-0 at the half. NW was SOD at the PSU 1 and fmbl'd at the PSU 9. The Cats drove 45 yds to tie. After a 28 yd PR Basanez lofted the ball into the EZ and it bounced off 2 PSU DB's and into the arms of Horn for a 41 yd TD rec with 4:50 left, 14-7. PSU was int'd and NW added a 27 yd FG. PSU ran out of time at the NW 27.
PENN ST 52 Indiana 7 - Indy opened with an 80 yd drive for a TD but PSU answered with 68, 96 and 80 yd TD drives, 21-7. Indy was SOD at the PSU 37 and trailed by 14 at the half. In the 3Q PSU scored 31 pts with a 37 yd FG, an 8 yd blk'd PR for a TD, 52 & 43 yd drives for TD's and a 15 yd int return for a TD. Indy was SOD at the PSU 21 and 47.
MICHIGAN ST 41 Penn St 10 - MSU missed a 54 yd FG and PSU drove 52 yds for a 29 yd FG, 3-0. A small pass turned into an 80 yd TD for MSU's Brown, 7-3. MSU drove 68 yds for a TD and added a 94 yd TD drive with 2:29 left in the 1H, 21-3. MSU converted on a fake punt to key a 56 yd TD drive. MSU blk'd a punt and drove 46 yds for a TD. After PSU fmbl'd a punt, MSU missed a 37 yd FG. PSU was int'd and a 34 yd return set up MSU for a 6 yd TD drive. PSU then drove 80 yds for a TD with :11 left.

2002 SEASON

RECORD: 9-4 BIG 10 RECORD: 5-3

PENN ST 27 Ucf 24 - UCF opened w/a FG. PSU responded with a 74 yd TD drive and a FG, 10-3. PSU fmbl'd a punt at their own 31 setting up a UCF FG. PSU missed a 49 yd FG and UCF nailed a 53 yd FG w/1:09 left in the 1H, 10-9. PSU got a FG and drove 55 yds for a TD to lead 20-9. PSU fmbl'd at the UCF 13 but after a blk'd FG drove 60 yds for a TD, 27-9 w/7:56 left. UCF went 63 yds for a TD w/3:23 left and and another w/:24 left.
PENN ST 40 Nebraska 7 - PSU drove 80 yds for a TD and NU answered w/an 84 yd TD drive. PSU went on a 78 yd drive but settled for a 20 yd FG and added a 33 yd FG, 13-7. The Lions opened it up the in the 3Q w/an 80 yd TD drive and got a 42 yd int return for a TD, 26-7. They added a 55 yd TD drive to lead 33-7 after 3Q's and a 54 yd TD drive mid-4Q.
PENN ST 49 LA Tech 17 - LT had long drives end on a 20 yd FG, a missed 19 yd FG & an int at the PSU 13 and despite having a yardage edge trailed 21-10 at the half. They pulled within 21-17 but TO's did them in as PSU drove 25 yds after an int for a TD, got a 30 yd int ret for a TD, a 15 yd TD drive after a 45 yd PR and a 3 yd TD drive after a fmbl.
Iowa 42 PENN ST 35 (OT) - Iowa opened w/an 80 yd TD drive and a 44 yd FG drive. After a PSU fmbl they went 18 yds for a TD, 17-0. UI added a 53 yd TD drive after an int before PSU drove 87 yds for a TD w/1:25 left 1H. Iowa's 55 yd FG bounced through on the 2Q's last play, 26-7. PSU got a 69 yd TD drive but the xp was blk'd and ret'd by Iowa for 2, 28-13. Iowa drove 80 yds for a TD, 35-13. After a 55 yd PR, Iowa was int'd in the EZ and later they started at the PSU 1 after an int but fmbl'd. PSU drove 92 yds for a TD. The Lions added a 44 yd TD pass w/3:57 left. PSU drove 64 yds for the tying TD w/1:20 left. In OT Iowa got a TD and PSU's 4th & 4 pass fell incomplete.
PENN ST 34 Wisky 31 - PSU had a 436-309 yd edge but only led 21-14 at the half as UW got a 65 int ret for a TD and PSU settled for 2 FG's. PSU drove 54 yds for a TD to led 28-14 but UW answered w/an 80 yd TD drive. PSU nailed a 51 yd FG w/7:00 left and added a 40 yd FG w/ 2:54 left, 34-23, but UW drove 65 yds for a TD and 2 pt conv w/1:17 left. PSU rec'd the onside kick and ran out the clock.
MICHIGAN 27 Penn St 24 (OT) - PSU got a 17 yd TD drive after a 25 yd PR to lead 7-0 and UM faked a FG and was SOD. UM drove 58 yds for a TD w/2:52 left in the 1H and had a 150-90 yd edge. In the last 18:00 the 2 combined for 28 pts and 4 lead changes. PSU went 84 yds for a TD (xpng), 13-7. UM went 80 yds for a TD, 14-13. PSU went 80 yds for a TD, 21-14 w/7:46 left and UM went 64 yds for a TD w/3:24 left. PSU got to midfield but a 3rd & 5 pass completion was incorrectly ruled incomplete and it went to OT. PSU got a 20 yd FG and UM a TD.
PENN ST 49 N'western 0 - PSU dominated w/a 423-9 rushing edge. PSU drove 73 yds for a TD and NW had a 34 yd FG but had it called back and missed from 39 yds on their only scoring opportunity. PSU had 73, 48, 46 and 67 yd TD drives, 35-0 at the half. In the 2H PSU opened w/a 73 yd TD drive and drove 93 yds for a TD w/12:26 left.
OHIO ST 13 Penn St 7 - OSU's opening drive ended on fmbl at the goal line which PSU ret'd 40 yds. PSU's 2nd poss was an 80 yd TD drive and they led 7-0 but for the game they were held to just 8 FD's and 179 total yds. OSU got a 37 yd FG and fmbl'd at the PSU 14 and trailed 7-3 at half despite a 12-5 FD edge. OSU DB Gamble int'd a pass & ret'd it 39 yds for a TD less than 2:00 into the 2H. OSU added a 71 yd drive for a 37 yd FG and led 13-7. On the Lions' last drive, a 4th & 6 pass fell incomplete and an interference could have been called on OSU but wasn't.
PENN ST 18 Illinois 7 - PSU opened w/a 68 yd drive but settled for a FG. PSU got an 84 yd TD run, 10-0. They added a FG and drove for 68 yds for a TD w/:28 left 1H to make it 18-0. PSU had a FD at the IL 23 but was SOD. They had a FD at the IL 37 but missed a 52 yd FG. They drove to midfield but punted. Behind bkup QB Beutjer, IL went 60 yds in 17 plays and got a TD w/5:22 left. IL got to the 10 but was int'd at the 1 and PSU ran out the clock. Larry Johnson set a PSU record w/279 yds rushing.
PENN ST 35 Virginia 14 - It was 7-7 after 1Q. PSU got a FG w/:12 left in the 2H and had a 206-100 yd 1H edge. UVA fmbl'd to open the 3Q and PSU drove 61 yds for a TD. On their next 2 drives PSU went 54 yds for a 51 yd FG & 73 yds w/a 30 yd TD run by Ganter on a fake FG, 28-7 (2 pt conv). UVA fmbl'd & PSU went 37 yds for a TD, 35-7. UVA went 80 yds for a TD w/4:20 left. PSU ended the game at the UVA 7.
Penn St 58 INDIANA 25 - In the 1H PSU had a 307-89 yd edge. The Lions drove 47 yds for a TD but later IU ret'd an int 59 yds for a TD, 7-6 PSU (xp blk'd). After another PSU int, Indy drove 21 yds for a TD and led 12-7 w/16 yds offense. PSU led 28-18 at the half. PSU went 80 yds for a TD and added a FG after a fmbl, 38-18. Indy went 80 yds for a TD, 38-25. PSU got a TD and ret'd an int 35 yds for a TD, 52-25. PSU ret'd another int to the 18 and 5 plays later got a TD.
PENN ST 61 Michigan St 7 - Larry Johnson ran for 279 yds & 4 TD's playing just the 1H. PSU missed a 19 yd FG but MSU fmbl'd setting up a PSU 27 yd TD drive. PSU had a 75 yd TD drive and MSU went on to miss two FG's. PSU had an 81 yd PR for a TD and 54, 78, 60 and 40 yd drives for TD's to lead 48-0 at the half. The backups played the 2H.

PENN ST NITTANY LIONS

2005 BIG 10 RECRUITMENT RANKING: 4
2005 NATIONAL RANK: 16

2005 NEWCOMERS

Chris Baker PS#419DL 6-3 290 Windsor HS/ Windsor, CT. 4.9 speed. 1st Team All-Connecticut as a Senior after totalling 80 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, 7 sacks and 7 passes batted away as a Senior. Did not play as a Sophomore in order to concentrate on hoops and can dunk a basketball.

Daryll Clark PS#63QB 6-3 185 Kiski Prep/ Youngstown, OH. 4.6 speed. 2004 signee who attended prep school last year to shore up grades. Dual threat two time All-Area QB threw for 1,900 yards and 18 TD's as a Senior. Gained weight and strength while sitting out 2004 season.

Francis Claude PS#69TE 6-4 248 Champlain Prep/Laval, Quebec. 4.6 speed. Enrolled in January '05 and here for spring. Only played in 4 games as a Senior due to injury and had 12 catches for 230 yards and 3 TD's. A member of Team Canada at the Global Junior Football Championship.

Brennan Coakley PS#150TE 6-5 235 Newtown HS/ Sandy Hook, CT. 4.6 speed. Transferred between Junior and Senior years of HS. DE/TE who had 40 tackles and 6 sacks on defense and 16 receptions in first 6 games as a Senior.

Kevin Cousins PS#88WR 6-4 185 Huguenot HS/ Richmond, VA. 4.65 speed. Limited chances due to style of offense (Wing T) that HS runs. He had 12 catches for 183 yards as a Junior. 1st committment to Penn St's 2005 recruiting class in May '04.

Devin Fentress PS#168DB 5-10 170 Western Branch HS/Chesapeake, VA. 4.39 speed. 29" verticle jump. Committed to Penn St prior to Senior season after compiling 56 tackles and 2 interceptions as Junior.

DB Willie Harriott PS#50WR 5-10 175 Hdye Leadership/Hamden, CT. 4.3 speed. 41" verticle jump. WR/CB prospect who caught 33 passes for 778 yards and on defense made 4 interceptions as a Senior. Totalled 800 receiving yards and scored 25 TD's as a Junior.

Jerome Hayes PS#18LB 6-1 215 Bayonne HS/ Bayonne, NJ. 4.5 speed. US Army All-American All-Star game selection. LB/RB who compiled 103 tackles with 8 forced fumbles and ran for 1,200 yards with 17 TD's as a Senior. PSU started recruiting him when he was a freshman in HS.

Kevin Kelly PS#6K 5-9 175 Neshaminy HS/Langhorne, PA. 4.6 speed. Good athlete with 450 squat. Named 1st Team Pennsylvania AAAA after making 10 of 17 FG's with a long of 43 and 58 of 58 extra points during his Senior season. Hit a 52 yarder as a Junior and a career long 54 yarder as a Sophomore.

Justin King PS#4DB 6-0 190 Gateway HS/ Monroeville, PA. 4.3 speed. 37" verticle jump. Army All-American Bowl participant. Enrolled in January '05 and worked primarily with offense in spring. Parade All-American and Gatorade Pennsylvania Player of the Year RB/DB who rushed for 1,795 yards and 30 TD's and had 30 tackles and 3 interceptions as a Senior.

Dennis Landolt PS#31OL 6-5 270 Holy Cross HS/Delran, NJ. 4.87 speed, 320 bench, 475 squat. 1 of New Jersey's top OL. 3rd Team All-New Jersey when he graded out as a 95% blocker as a Junior. First lineman to commit to Penn St in the '05 class.

LB Sean Lee PS#49DB 6-3 190 Upper St Clair HS/Pitt, PA. 4.6 speed. Selected to *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* Fabulous 22 and 1st Team Pennsylvania AAAA. Recruited as a LB. Played RB/DB in '04 when he ran for 1,240 yards and 21 TD's as a Senior. Forward on the basketball team where he averaged 17 points per game as a Junior.

Matthew Lowry PS#89OL 6-6 300 Cardinal O'Hara HS/Springfield, PA. 5.3 speed. 330 bench. Originally committed to Virginia in April '04 before changing his mind. Earned 1st Team All-Pennsylvania AAAA laurels as a Senior.

James McDonald PS#30WR 6-3 175 Dunbar HS/ Washington, D.C. 4.55 speed. Made the *Washington Post's* All-Metro Team after snaring 52 passes for 952 yards and 13 TD's as a Senior. Had 75 catches for 1,000 yards and 14 TD's as a Junior. Also starter at small forward on HS hoops powerhouse.

Lydell Sargeant PS#58RB 5-10 187 Cabrillo Senior HS/Lompoc, CA. 4.5 speed. 30" VL. Named California MVP after totalling 172 yards in the CaliFlorida Bowl All-Star game. High school RB who could be moved to WR or DB. Rushed for 1,600 yards and 26 TD's while also having another 300 rec yards as a Senior. Close childhood friend of Justin King who moved out West when he was a HS Sophomore.

Anthony Scirrotto PS#83DB 6-1 185 W Deptford HS/Westville, NJ. 4.5 speed. 35" VL. Three time All-Philadelphia performer who played QB and S his last 2 years in HS. As a Senior he threw 10 TD passes without an interception and on defense had 67 tackles and 5 interceptions. Scirrotto had 23 interceptions in his last 3 seasons.

Mickey Shuler PS#76TE 6-4 198 E Pennsboro HS/Marysville, PA. 4.7 speed. 1st Team All-Pennsylvania AAA honoree when he caught 40 passes for 564 yards and 3 TD's. As a junior totalled 37 receptions for 548 yards and 5TD's. Son of former PSU and NFL TE Mickey Schuler.

Knowledge Timmons PS#109DB 5-10 170 William Penn HS/York, PA. 4.35 speed. Preseason All-Pennsylvania Team in '04 but caught just 29 passes for 291 yards as a Senior as he was consistently double and triple teamed. One of Pennsylvania's fastest recruits as he won the state's 100 and 200 meter titles as a Junior.

WR Derrick Williams PS#1DB 6-1 195 Eleanor Roosevelt HS/Greenbelt, MD. 4.24 speed. 32" VL. 330 bench. Parade All-American and USA Today Super 25 prospect. Two-time 1st Team All-Maryland QB/WR who passed for 982 yards while rushing for 1,123 yards and also totalling 400 receiving yds as a senior. Also added 334 kickoff return yds and 479 punt return yds in '04. Enrolled in January '05 and worked with #1 offense in spring & likely to handle return duties on special teams.

NFL DRAFT

2005

None

2004

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	92	Rich Gardner	CB	Tennessee
6	194	Matt Kranchick	TE	Pittsburgh
7	229	David Kimball	K	Indianapolis
7	241	Sean McHugh	TE	Tennessee

2003

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	12	Jimmy Kennedy	DT	St. Louis
1	14	Michael Haynes	DE	Chicago
1	17	Bryant Johnson	WR	Arizona
1	27	Larry Johnson	RB	Kansas City
2	55	Bryan Scott	SS	Atlanta
2	57	Anthony Adams	DT	San Francisco

2002

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
4	107	Omar Easy	FB	Kansas City
6	196	John Gilmore	TE	New Orleans

2001

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	71	Bhawoh Jue	FS	Green Bay
3	79	Kareem McKenzie	OT	NY Jets
3	94	James Boyd	SS	Jacksonville
5	147	Tony Stewart	TE	Philadelphia

2000

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	1	Courtney Brown	DE	Cleveland
1	2	LaVar Arrington	LB	Washington
3	91	David Macklin	CB	Indianapolis
4	105	Brandon Short	LB	NY Giants

1999

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
5	138	Brad Scioli	DE	Indianapolis
5	140	Floyd Wedderburn	OG	Seattle

1998

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	5	Curtis Enis	RB	Chicago
2	55	Joe Jurevicius	WR	NY Giants
5	151	Phil Ostrowski	OG	San Francisco

1997

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	58	Kim Herring	FS	Baltimore
3	90	Brett Conway	K	Green Bay
7	234	Wally Richardson	QB	Baltimore

1996

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	23	Jeff Hartings	C	Detroit
1	30	Andre Johnson	OT	Washington
2	52	Bobby Engram	WR	Chicago
3	74	Terry Killens	LB	Houston
3	92	Jon Witman	FB	Pittsburgh
4	115	Brian Milne	FB	Indianapolis
6	191	Keith Conlin	OT	Indianapolis
6	198	Stephen Pitts	RB	San Francisco
6	208	Marco Rivera	OG	Green Bay
7	218	Mike Archie	RB	Houston

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES PAST HISTORIES

2002 CAPITAL ONE BOWL AUBURN 13 PENN ST 9

This game featured 2 great RB's with Auburn's Ronnie Brown (184 yds, 2 TD's) outshining Penn St's Larry Johnson (72 yds). The defenses ruled the 1H with Penn St settling for two short FG's to lead 6-0 at the half. Auburn drove 74 yds for a TD in the 3Q, 7-6. PSU drove for a 31 yd FG with 10:10 left in the game to go back up 9-7. Auburn pinned PSU at their 1 yd line and PSU was forced to punt. A short punt set Auburn up for a short drive that culminated in Brown's 17 yd game-winning TD run. Brown set an Auburn bowl record for rushing & was named Off MVP.

1999 ALAMO BOWL PENN ST 24 TEXAS A&M 0

PSU pride was overflowing as the Lions turned in a fantastic defensive performance and blanked the Aggies 24-0. This game was Joe Paterno's 30th bowl contest, breaking a tie with "Bear" Bryant for appearances. On A&M's first play, AA LaVar Arrington set the tone as he chased down QB Randy McCown and hit him as he threw the first of 4 interceptions to the A&M 40 yd line. On A&M's 2nd series, Derek Fox int'd the ball at the A&M 34 and ran it back for a TD, 7-0. QB Rashard Casey, making his first start, found Eddie Drummond for a 45 TD pass, 14-0. Early in the 2H, the Aggies got as far as the Nittany Lions' 14 yd line, but on 3rd down Arrington tipped McCown's pass and Ron Graham grabbed it at the 8. Later Arrington then sacked McCown ending A&M's last drive. Casey quickly had the Lions on the move and a 34 yd completion to John Gilmore had PSU on the A&M 26 yd line. A 20 yd completion to Tony Stewart set up Casey's 4 yd bootleg TD on the first play of the 4Q, 21-0. On the ensuing KO, Askari Adams forced a fumble which was recovered at the A&M 23. A 39 yard Travis Forney FG gave Penn St the 24-0 victory.

1998 OUTBACK BOWL PENN ST 26 KENTUCKY 14

This was Kentucky's first NY's Day bowl in 47 years. UK outgained Penn St 441-420 but lost 3 turnovers compared to only 1 for PSU. UK got on the board first on a 36 yd TD pass from Tim Couch to Lance Mickelsen, 7-0. PSU got a 43 yd FG, 7-3. UK drove 64 yds and Couch hit a 16 yd TD pass to put UK ahead 14-3 with 3:51 left in the 1Q. PSU QB Kevin Thompson threw a 56 yd bomb to Joe Nastasi, 14-10. PSU settled for a 26 yd FG and the Lions trailed 14-13 at the half. PSU hit 2 short FG's in the 3Q to go ahead 19-14. PSU sewed up the win with a 19 yd TD run by Chafie Fields with 11:03 left in the game. After starting out strong, the UK offense was shutout the final 3 quarters of the game.

1997 CITRUS BOWL FLORIDA 21 PENN ST 6

This was the first meeting for these two since the 1962 Gator Bowl and Joe Paterno and Steve Spurrier matched wits for the first time. The normally pass-happy Gators stuck with the ground game and posted the 21-6 victory. PSU was without starter Curtis Enis and Joe Jurevicius and the Lions struggled offensively. However, the Lions defense kept PSU within striking range after the Gators took a quick 14-0 lead. PSU intercepted the ball and returned it 33 yds to the Florida 31. The Lions however settled for a Travis Forney FG, 14-3. The defense and special teams made 2 huge plays to give PSU 1st and goal chances in the 2Q. Brandon Short knocked the ball away from QB Doug Johnson and recovered it at the Fla 6. However, on 4th and inches Chris Eberly was stopped short of the EZ. The defense held and Kenny Watson delivered a 52 yd PR in Fla territory with 1:14 left in the half. Once again, on 4th & 1, PSU was picked off in the EZ denying its best chances for TD's. Forney made a 30 yd FG in the 4Q. Florida responded with a 37 yd pass and the 21-6 victory.

1996 FIESTA BOWL PENN ST 38 TEXAS 15

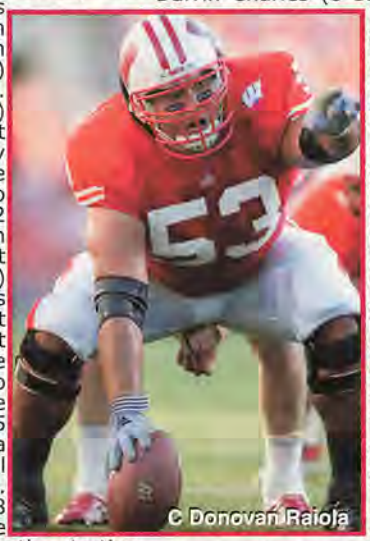
Fresh off a thrilling upset of No. 3 Nebraska in the Big 12 Championship game, the 20th-ranked Longhorns faced #7 Penn St. Gaining only 95 yds but allowing 242, PSU was lucky to trail the Longhorns 12-7 after the half. PSU scored quickly after an interception on the 2nd play of the game on a Curtis Enis 4 yd TD receipt. PSU's defense held the Longhorns to just 2 FG after Texas moved inside 15. TX went 8 plays, 69 yards and capped it off with a Ricky Williams 7 yd TD run (xpng). The second half, specifically the 3Q, was a completely different story. Penn State put 21 points on the board with three rushing scores while limiting the Horns to just a field goal and led 28-15 after three quarters of play. On the Lions' final series of the third quarter, Chafie Fields set up Anthony Clearly's 1 yd TD run with a dazzling double-reverse that covered 85 yards to the UT 5. Texas never threatened again and Penn State tacked on 10 more points to secure the 38-15 win. The Lions outgained the UT 425-360, including a 330-118 advantage in the 2H.

PENN ST DRAFT FACTS:

When I think of Penn St I think of "Linebackers Univ". In the last 10 years, the Lions have produced 2 notable LB's in LaVar Arrington and Brandon Short. Surprisingly in the last 10 years, they have had only 3 LB's selected and have not had any picked since 2000, which was the year those 2 came out. Another surprising number was the ZERO players selected in this past seasons' draft. The Lions did produce FOUR 1st round picks in 2003 and have 9 in the last 10 years. In 1996 they had an amazing 10 players selected in the 7 round draft including 4 RB's but just 3 selected the last 9 years. After having 7 offensive line from 1996-2001, they have not had any picked since. In the last 10 years, they have had only 1 QB but 4 TE's drafted.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2005

QUARTERBACKS - Due to injuries in 2003, John Stocco (PS#37) became the backup (see Hardcore) and hit 4 of 7 for 34 yards in the bowl game. He has a powerful arm (94 mph fastball). He was the clear cut starter out of spring 2004 and Matt Schabert transferred to E Illinois. The backup QB was Tyler Donovan (PS#29) who has been compared to Brooks Bollinger as he is very mobile with a solid arm. Last year Donovan played in just 5 games (3 passes) rushing 11 times for 117 yards. True frosh Sean Lewis (PS#27) was in for the spring last year, but got passed on the depth chart by another true frosh Bryan Savage (PS#30) and moved to TE. Stocco struggled early throwing for 132 ypg (47.8%) with a 4-3 ratio in the 1st 5 games but over the next five threw for 205 ypg (57.4%) with a 5-2 ratio including 297 vs Minny. Unfortunately in the last two games he completed just 46.2% with a 1-2 ratio. In the regular season he had a 7-2 ratio with RB Davis healthy and in the four games without him, a 2-5 ratio. Stocco returns but after a disappointing bowl effort, will battle Donovan and Savage. Walk-on Craig Meier (6-3 198 rFr) may have the best arm of the QB's. No matter who ends up as the starting QB, I expect better numbers in 2005.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RUNNING BACKS - The Badgers' outstanding streak of ten straight seasons with a 1,000 yard rusher ended in 2003. Anthony Davis appeared on his way to a 2,000 yard season with 414 yards in the first two, but was injured and finished with just 682 yards. Dwayne Smith (PS#88) was the most effective replacement rushing for 857 yards (5.2). Booker Stanley (PS#116) added 523 yards (3.9) and FB Matt Bernstein had 120 (4.1). Last year all four were expected to return, but unfortunately Smith was diagnosed with a career ending heart aliment. Davis, who finishes as the #2 rusher in school history and #5 all-time in the Big 10, suffered through another injury plagued season playing in just 8 games. True frosh Jamil Walker (PS#25) rushed for 88 yards vs UNLV, but at Arizona fumbled once and gained zero yards on five carries before being benched. He suffered a shoulder injury and missed four full games. Stanley stepped to the forefront vs Arizona rushing for 135 yards, but was injured early vs Penn St leaving Bernstein as the top TB and he rushed for 123 yards. Davis rushed for 816 yards in the next 6 games, but missed the Iowa game and Bernstein was the top back with just 28 yards. In the opening game true frosh Chris Pressley (PS#48) who has Ron Dayne's size, rushed for 22 yards on 8 carries but had two fumbles and saw little action the rest of the year. This year they lose Davis (#7DC IND) as well as backup FB Greg Root (0 yds). Stanley was suspended in spring and is questionable. They get the outstanding addition of Brian Calhoun (PS#20) who is a sprinter on the track team (4.29 spd). He rushed for 810 (4.2) with 32 rec's and was HM Big 12 in 2003 at Colorado before transferring. Not listed are FB's Josh Balts (6-1 240 So) and Matthew Sorg (6-0 228 So). The 3.6 ypc rushing last year was UW's lowest total since 1995. As long as they maintain better health, I expect the Badgers to start another streak with a 1,000 yard rusher.

RECEIVERS - Lee Evans (4.3 spd) set a Big 10 record for yardage in a season with 1,545 yards and a super 20.6 ypc in 2001. Unfortunately he tore his ACL in 2002. Jonathan Orr (PS#41) led the team with 842 yards (17.9) and Brandon Williams (PS#113) had 663 yards (12.8). Darrin Charles (PS#26) suffered through injuries and in seven starts had 25 rec. Everyone returned in 2003 and Evans was the star with 1,213 yards (19.0, #1DC BUF). They moved QB Owen Daniels (PS#18) to TE (15 rec). Brandon Williams had 49 rec and Darrin Charles 20. Last year Williams had just 13 grabs over the first six games, but 29 in the last six to lead the team. Daniels was tied for #2 with 25. This year the only losses are WR Darrin Charles (8 st, 25 rec), and TE Tony Paciotti (10 st, 3 rec). Surprisingly Marcus Randle El (PS#45QB) only had 2 grabs. WR's Jeff Holzbauer (5-11 190 Jr), Luke Swan (6-0 197 So, PS#123), Joe Walker (6-2 195 rFr) and TE's Dave Peck (6-5 240 rFr, PS#133DL), Matthew Brown (6-5 219 So, PS#71) and Joel Nellis (6-4 239 Sr) are among the talented depth. This unit has good talent and I look for improved numbers this season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Badgers' 2003 O-line paved the way for 4.0 ypc rushing but did allow 37 sacks. Last year all 5 starters returned but surprisingly the Badgers' ypc dropped to 3.6 although the sacks dropped to 22. This year the losses are heavy in RG Jonathan Clinkscale (12 st, 2nd Tm B10, 4 yr starter), LG Dan Buenning (#4DC TB, 12 st, 4 yr starter, 1st Tm B10), RT Morgan Davis (9 st, 2 yr starter), RT Mike Lorenz (3 st LY, 13 st in '03) and RT Jake Wood (7 gm). The two returning starters are both NFL caliber in C Donovan Raiola and LT Joe Thomas. True frosh Andy Kemp (PS#13, in for spg), may become the first true frosh OL ever to start under Alvarez.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Badgers allowed 3.9 ypc rushing while recording 32 sacks. Last year they had all 4 senior starters returning on the D-line. Alvarez called Erasmus James "the most dominant player we've ever had". The D-line wreaked havoc on opposing O-lines but during the Purdue game 3 DL starters suffered injuries and at one point in the 2H they were down to 4 backups. A few weeks later they allowed 430 yards rushing (9.8) to Mich St as the D-line was never fully healthy again. Prior to Purdue the team allowed just 72 ypg (2.5) and over the last six games they allowed 176 ypg rushing (4.9). Naturally this year the losses are huge as all 4 starting DL's were drafted!! Gone are DE James (#1DC MIN, 10 st, 12 tfl, B10 Def POY, 1st Tm AA), DE Jonathan Welsh (#5DC IND, 11 st), DT Jason Jefferson (#6DC NO, 12 st, 5 tfl), DT Anttaj Hawthorne (#6DC OAK, 12 st, 6 sk, 1st Tm B10), DT Kalvin Barrett (2 tkl) and DT Matt Katula (4 tkl). I do like the talent of the projected starters (2 VHT DT's) and this group should stay healthier, but looks weaker.

LINEBACKERS - The situation at LB is the exact opposite of the D-line. Last year the Badgers had to replace all 3 starters from this unit and the top returning LB tackler had only 18 tkls in '03. True frosh Andy Crooks started 5 of the last 6 games at MLB. This year the entire 2 deep returns and six players have starting experience. They bring in two VHT true frosh including Travis Beckum who has drawn comparisons to LaVar Arrington. Not listed are Ben Landgraf (6-3 208 rFr), Victor Meckstroth (6-1 245 Jr), Joshua Neal (5-10 234 rFr), Casey Hogan (6-5 201 So) and Nick Sutton (6-2 205 rFr, PS#135).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UW usually finishes high in my pass D rankings and after a #4 finish in 1999 they finished #12, #44, #54 and #29. Last year they had to replace one starter but did have 7 players returning with starting experience and the Badgers secondary looked to be their best since 1999. UW finished #7 allowing just 48.8%. Much like the D-line this year the losses are heavy. Gone are CB Scott Starks (#3DC JAX, 4.3 spd, 45 tkl, 9 pbu), SS Robert Brooks (10 st, 59 tkl), FS Jim Leonhard (12 st, 1st Tm B10) and CB Chuckie Cowans (10 tkl). A big question mark is Brett Bell who would be their top CB but he tore his ACL in late January and missed the spring. He may be ready for the fall, but if not Levonne Rowan, who started 9 games in his place in 2003, does return.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Badgers finished #1 in my special teams rankings in 1999 and #5 in 2000 but surprisingly dropped to #102 in 2001. Brian Murphy was hired as the special teams coach in 2002 and they moved back up to #46 and #34 the next 2 years. Surprisingly last year they had almost everyone back but dropped to #51. Kicker Mike Allen, who connected on 9 of 12 FG's with a long of 46 in '03, hit 12 of 21 with a long of 48 (2 miss 50+). Surprisingly returning punter RJ Morse, who had a net of 36.9 in 2003, lost his job to rFr Ken DeBauche who averaged 41.8 (37.1 net). Jim Leonhard departs as the school's all-time leading PR. The top KR was Brandon Williams (19.0). I expect Marcus Randle El to have a profound impact on returns and keep in mind the Badgers always have had a strong PR team averaging double figures in six of the last seven years. The losses this season are Allen, Morse, Leonhard, LS Matt Katula and top gunner Scott Starks. Taylor Mehlhaff (PS#9) had 18 TB's on 53 KO's and is the favorite to win the kicking job. This unit could actually improve in the numbers despite the attrition.

COACHES - UW used to be a perennial Big 10 doormat. From 1985-'90 they averaged just one Big 10 win per season. HC Barry Alvarez has changed the Badgers' fortunes drastically guiding the team to 10 bowls. His teams are 7-3 in those bowls. Only Woody Hayes has more Rose Bowl wins (4) than Alvarez (3). He is now in his 16th year and was Big 10 Coach of the Year in 1998 and is already Wisconsin's all-time leader in wins (108). He also took over the AD duties last year. His OC, Brian White, enters his 11th year here. He will now share the OC duties including play calling with Paul Chryst who was the OC at Oregon St the past two years. Alvarez brought in a new DC last year in Bret Bielema from Kansas St, who was also an Iowa asst for 9 years, and the defense made some dramatic strides.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Barry Alvarez guided Wisconsin to the Rose Bowl wins in both 1998 and 1999 finishing #4 in the country in 1999, but were nowhere near that level the next four years going 9-4, 5-7, 8-6 and 7-6. Heading into last year they were 9-15 in Big 10 play from 2001-'03. The 2003 team got as high as 6-1 and #14 in the polls after upsetting Ohio St, but suffered 3 tough losses in games they could easily have won (UNLV, Minny and Iowa). That team had five 1st stringers miss a combined 30 starts. Last year I predicted they would top 2003's 7 win total and called them one of the premier teams in the Big 10. They were fortunate vs Arizona early when the Wildcats missed a 47 yard FG with :43 left and vs Penn St when the Nittany Lions were down to their 3rd string QB due to injuries. They got their 3rd straight win in Columbus and the next week at Purdue, despite losing 3 DL starters to injury, as they got a fumble return for a TD to upset undefeated #5 Purdue. UW stood 9-0 and #4 in the coaches poll going undefeated at home for just the 2nd time since 1962. The D allowed 9.1 ppg in the first 9 games. Against Mich St, facing a 4th & goal on the last play of the 1H ready to tie it, Anthony Davis appeared to be in the EZ, but was ruled short and the Badgers lost the momentum in not only the game but the entire season as they were annihilated 49-14. They could have gone to the Rose Bowl had they beaten Iowa in the season finale but were trounced 30-7 despite a 15-14 FD edge as Iowa had 30 points on just 262 total yards. They also had opportunities vs Georgia, but fumbled at the GA 34 and 16 in the 4Q and missed a 37 yard FG in the loss. UW's 2004 team was veteran with 7 players drafted in the NFL most in league including all 4 starting DL's. Their 10 starters back this year are the lowest in the Big 10. The Badgers do not play OSU and Mich St in conf play. While I don't think the Rose Bowl or Big 10 Title are a possibility for UW, they should have yet another winning season and get to their 9th bowl in ten years.

WISCONSIN BADGERS

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BARRY ALVAREZ (Career 108-70-4)
16th Year at Wisconsin
Alvarez's SU Bowl Record: 7-3

2004 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (17,20,2)
Lost: 25 (10,13,2)

2004 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 82,368

	HC	OC	DC
2004	Barry Alvarez	Brian White	Brett Bielema
2003	Barry Alvarez	Brian White	Kevin Cosgrove
2002	Barry Alvarez	Brian White	Kevin Cosgrove
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1998	Barry Alvarez	Brad Childress	Kevin Cosgrove
1997	Barry Alvarez	Brad Childress	Kevin Cosgrove

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2005 Schedule Difficulty-#35

Date	Opponent	TURF	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp
Sep. 3	Bowling Green	A		
Sep. 10	Temple	A		
Sep. 17	at North Carolina	G		
Sep. 24	Michigan	A		
Oct. 1	Indiana	A		
Oct. 8	at Northwestern	G		
Oct. 15	at Minnesota	A		
Oct. 22	Purdue (HC)	A		
Oct. 29	at Illinois	A		
Nov. 5	at Penn St	G		
Nov. 12	Iowa	A		
Nov. 19				
Nov. 25	at Hawaii (Fri)	A		

WR Brandon Williams

LAST 7 YEARS BIG 10 RANKINGS

	Big 10 Record	Finished	Total OFF	Total DEF	Avg Score in Big 10 Play
2004	6-2	#3	346	304	20.9-18.1
2003	4-4	#7	394	367	28.3-22.5
2002	2-6	#8	345	408	25.3-27.3
2001	3-5	#8	396	397	26.9-32.5
2000	4-4	#5	371	406	24.9-21.5
1999	7-1	#1	421	336	35.1-27.6
1998	7-1	#1	289	313	27.6-11.4

TOP 5 CAREER RECORD LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
1. Darrell Bevell 7,686	1. Ron Dayne 7,125	1. Lee Evans 3,468
2. Brooks Bollinger 5,627	2. Anthony Davis 4,676	2. Al Toon 2,103
3. Randy Wright 5,003	3. Billy Marek 3,709	3. Chris Chambers 2,004
4. Mike Samuel 4,989	4. Brent Moss 3,428	4. Tony Simmons 1,991
5. Jim Sorgi 4,498	5. Terrell Fletcher 3,414	5. Lee DeRamus 1,974

LAST 10 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	OPPONENT	SCORE
93	Rose	UCLA	21-16
94	Hall of Fame	Duke	34-20
96	Copper	Utah	38-10
97	Outback	Georgia	6-33
98	Rose	UCLA	38-31
99	Rose	Stanford	17-9
00	Sun	UCLA	21-20
02	Alamo	Colorado	31-28OT
03	Music City	Auburn	14-28
04	Outback	Georgia	21-24

Wisconsin's All-Time SU Bowl Record 8-8

Last 6 Big 10 Titles
1999 1962
1998 1959
1993 1952

AP/Cch/UPI Nat'l Champs
None

STADIUM: CAMP RANDALL STADIUM (76,634)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	10 Yr Total
Record	4-5-2	7-5	8-4	10-1	9-2	8-4	5-7	7-6	7-5	9-2	74-41-2
Home	2-3-1	4-2	5-1	6-0	5-1	4-3	3-4	5-3	4-3	6-0	44-20-1
Away	2-2-1	3-3	3-3	4-1	4-1	4-1	2-3	2-3	3-2	3-2	30-21-1

WISCONSIN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 10 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9	20.8	19	161	3.6	167	52.6	15.8	+2	2004	6	15.4	16	124	3.8	167	48.8	18.9
7	27.3	21	177	4.0	218	55.4	14.5	-3	2003	8	23.5	18	142	3.9	213	53.9	15.1
7*	26.6	20	190	4.1	165	53.1	13.4	+18	2002	2	23.0	18	149	4.0	224	54.9	16.2
5*	26.1	20	177	4.1	213	50.5	14.9	+2	2001	5	28.8	19	170	4.2	201	50.2	12.9
8*	25.2	19	196	4.1	163	55.7	14.2	+7	2000	8	20.4	20	151	4.3	241	50.0	19.2
8	34.1	22	274	5.2	142	55.7	12.2	+11	1999	8	12.8	17	110	3.5	188	50.3	23.2
9*	31.8	17	216	4.3	114	52.5	10.4	+23	1998	8	11.9	16	92	2.7	200	54.4	24.6
6*	22.4	19	189	4.0	157	54.9	15.5	-2	1997	5	23.5	17	156	4.3	218	61.2	15.9
8	29.0	20	249	5.5	137	58.4	16.4	+10	1996	8	18.7	20	115	3.3	251	60.0	19.6
7	21.4	19	129	3.4	222	62.0	16.4	+3	1995	7	23.0	21	168	4.1	227	60.5	17.2

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Davis	201	1008	35	973	11	4.8
Booker Stanley	115	392	42	350	2	3.0
Matt Bernstein	83	315	15	300	1	3.6
Tyler Donovan	11	121	4	117	0	10.6
John Stocco	56	105	125	-20	4	-0.4
Jamil Walker	26	106	4	102	0	3.9
Brandon Williams	8	59	3	56	0	7.0
Chris Pressley	11	41	5	36	0	3.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
John Stocco	321	169	52.6	1999	9	7
Tyler Donovan	3	2	66.7	7	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brandon Williams	42	517	12.3	0	42
Owen Daniels	25	391	15.6	2	52
Darrin Charles	25	333	13.3	3	33
Jonathan Orr	13	177	13.6	3	43
Brandon White	17	171	10.1	0	23
Booker Stanley	18	146	8.1	1	19
Anthony Davis	13	96	7.4	0	17
Matt Bernstein	9	68	7.6	0	18
Jason Pociask	4	60	15.0	0	27

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ken DeBauche	57	2380	41.8	12	37.1	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Allen	27-29	5-6	2-6	5-7	0-2	12-21	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dontez Sanders	76	5.5	5	3	1
Jim Leonhard	72	0	0	10	3
Brett Bell	64	0	2	10	3
Robert Brooks	59	0	3	4	0
Mark Zalewski	55	3.5	8	2	0
Scott Starks	45	1	3	9	1
Anttaj Hawthorne	42	6	6	1	1
Reggie Cribbs	38	0	4	0	0
Andy Crooks	38	1	1	0	1
Erasmus James	36	8	4	3	0
Jonathan Welsh	27	2	3	0	0
Jason Jefferson	25	3	2	0	0
Jamal Cooper	18	2	3	1	0
Joe Monty	18	1	0	1	0
Johnny White	17	0	0	0	0
Levonne Rowan	12	0	0	1	0
Joe Stellmacher	10	0	1	0	0
Chuckie Cowans	10	0	0	1	1
Lamar Watkins	9	0	0	1	0
Ben Strickland	8	0	0	0	0
Justin Ostrowski	5	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jim Leonhard	35	443	12.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Williams	23	437	19.0	0

2004 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UCF	23	49-230	4.7	9-20	170	0	11	35-53	1.5	13-24	177	4	+1
UNLV	16	44-145	3.3	14-24	131	1	11	27-72	2.7	13-29	102	2	-1
at Arizona	18	46-146	3.2	12-24	116	0	12	33-96	2.9	9-15	103	3	-2
Penn St	17	46-130	2.8	12-29	150	1	9	26-70	2.7	8-28	87	4	0
Illinois	18	50-258	5.2	9-20	99	1	16	27-42	1.6	20-41	164	2	0
at Ohio St	19	48-184	3.8	15-24	160	2	12	25-99	4.0	15-31	125	5	+2
at Purdue	16	30-84	2.8	17-32	211	0	26	40-132	3.3	25-45	235	5	+2
Northwestern	19	53-208	3.9	13-21	178	1	23	36-149	4.1	16-37	185	2	-1
Minnesota	28	60-228	3.8	19-26	297	3	13	18-73	4.1	17-34	258	1	+1
at Michigan St	23	41-217	5.3	21-39	179	2	21	44-430	9.8	10-20	121	1	0
at Iowa	15	30-41	1.4	18-39	145	4	14	39-76	1.9	15-24	186	4	-1
† Georgia	14	35-60	1.7	12-27	170	7	21	37-196	5.3	19-41	264	1	+1
TOTALS	226	532-1931	3.6	171-325	2006	22	189	387-1488	3.8	180-369	2007	34	+2
AVERAGES	18.8	44-161	3.6	14-27	167	1.8	15.8	32-124	3.8	15-31	167	2.8	0.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Murray St	49-10 W
Ball St	50-10 W
at Cincinnati	12-17 L
Michigan	16-21 L
at Ohio St	42-17 W
at Minnesota	20-17 W
Indiana	59-0 W
Michigan St	40-10 W
at Northwestern	35-19 W
at Purdue	28-21 W
Iowa	41-3 W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
W Michigan	19-7 W
Oregon	27-23 W
Cincinnati	OT 28-25 W
Northwestern	2OT 44-47 L
at Michigan	10-13 L
Ohio St	7-23 L
at Michigan St	17-10 W
Purdue	OT 24-30 L
at Iowa	13-7 W
Minnesota	41-20 W
at Indiana	43-22 W
at Hawaii	34-18 W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Virginia	26-17 W
at Oregon	28-31 L
Fresno St	20-32 L
at Penn St	18-6 W
W Kentucky	24-6 W
Indiana	32-63 L
at Ohio St	20-17 W
at Illinois	35-42 L
Michigan St	28-42 L
Iowa	34-28 W
Michigan	17-20 L
at Minnesota	31-42 L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Fresno St	23-21 W
at UNLV	27-7 W
W Virginia	34-17 W
N Illinois	24-21 W
Arizona	31-10 W
Penn St	31-34 L
at Indiana	29-32 L
Ohio St	14-19 L
at Michigan St	42-24 W
at Iowa	3-20 L
Illinois	20-37 L
at Michigan	14-21 L
Minnesota	49-31 W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at W Virginia	24-17 W
Akron	48-31 W
UNLV	5-23 L
N Carolina	38-27 W
at Illinois	38-20 W
at Penn St	30-23 W
Ohio St	17-10 W
Purdue	23-26 L
at Northwestern	7-16 L
at Minnesota	34-37 L
Michigan St	56-21 W
Iowa	21-27 L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
UCF	34-6 W
UNLV	18-3 W
at Arizona	9-7 W
Penn St	16-3 W
Illinois	24-7 W
at Ohio St	24-13 W
at Purdue	20-17 W
Northwestern	24-12 W
Minnesota	38-14 W
at Michigan St	14-49 L
at Iowa	7-30 L

WISCONSIN 2005 DEPTH CHART

FB Matt Bernstein

OFFENSE

WR
#1 BRANDON WILLIAMS SR.
5-11 175 **PS#113**
HM Big 10, 12 sts, 42 rec (12.3), 56 rush yds, 23 KR (19.0) LY. 12 sts, 49 rec (13.2), 29 KR (21.6) in '03. 14 gms, 6 sts, 52 rec (12.8) as true.

#8 BRANDON WHITE SR.
6-3 190 **PS#77**
12 gms, 17 rec (10.1) LY. 12 gms, 1 rec, DB late in year due to inj's in '03. 14 gms, 2 rec as true.

RB
#2 BRIAN CALHOUN JR.
5-10 194 **PS#20**
4.29 speed. Sprinter on track team. Transferred from Colorado LY. #1 rusher with 810 yds (4.2), 32 rec (8.3) in '03. 14 gms, 1 st, 314 yds (4.1), 5 rec (14.4) as true.

#32 BOOKER STANLEY JR.
5-10 214 **PS#116**
Suspended indefinitely after spring '05 arrest. 10 gms, 3 sts, 350 yds (3.0), 18 rec (8.1) despite nagging inj's LY. 12 gms, 523 yds (3.9), 3 rec as rFr.

FB
#45 MATT BERNSTEIN SR.
6-2 266 **PS#79**
Team's Offensive MVP, 11 sts, 300 yds (3.6), 9 rec (7.6), emergency TB LY. 13 gms, 7 sts, 120 yds (4.1), 8 rec (9.9) in '03. 13 gms, 9 sts, 66 yds (3.3), 5 rec (6.8) as rFr.

#25 CHRIS PRESSLEY SO.
6-1 256 **PS#48**
FB/TB. 5 gms at TB, 36 yds (3.3), benched due to fumbles as true.

K
#10 TAYLOR MEHLHAFF SO.
5-11 179 **PS#9**
18 of 48 KO's were TB's LY as true. Gatorade SD POY as QB/K/DB HS Sr.

#NA MATT FISCHER FR.
5-11 180 **PS#90**
Hit 7-10 with a long of 46 as HS Sr.

WR
#9 JONATHAN ORR SR.
6-3 190 **PS#41**
4.35 speed. 12 gms, 1 st, 13 rec (13.6), 3 TD's LY. 13 gms, 2 sts, 7 rec (16.7) in '03. 14 gms, 13 sts, school FR record with 47 rec (17.9), 8 TD's as rFr.

#88 JARVIS MINTON SO.
6-1 202 **PS#190**
#2 WR in spring. 5 gms as true. Wishbone offense in HS.

QB
#7 JOHN STOCCO JR.
6-2 197 **PS#37**
12 sts, 1999 yds (53%), 9-7 ratio, 105 gross rush yds LY. L/3 gms, 123 yds (59%) as rFr. Can dunk a basketball. 94 mph fastball.

#12 TYLER DONOVAN SO.
6-1 187 **PS#29**
Most mobile QB and compared to Brooks Bollinger. 5 gms as #2 QB, 117 rush yds LY. Scout Tm POY as true.

TE
#11 OWEN DANIELS SR.
6-3 247 **PS#18QB**
HM Big 10, 12 gms, 3 sts LY. 13 gms, 15 rec (12.9) in '03. 7 gms as QB/sp tms before moving over to TE. Torn ACL prior to bowl as rFr.

#84 JASON POCIASK SR.
6-3 258 **PS#74TE**
12 gms, 5 sts at TE, 4 rec (15.0) LY. 13 gms, 1 rec in '03. Lettered as backup TE & sp tms as rFr.

RT
#63 KRAIG URBIK rFR.
6-6 317 **PS#64**
#1 RT out of spring '05.

#64 DANNY KAYE SO.
6-8 319 **PS#33**
#2 RT in spring '05. Versatile. Backup as rFr. OL/TE/DL in HS.

RG
#52 JASON PALERMO SR.
6-3 307 **PS#101DL**
Lettered in 12 gms as backup C & sp tms LY. Lettered as 2nd string C in '03. ScoutTm Offensive POY as true.

#65 MARCUS COLEMAN SO.
6-6 309 **PS#76DL**
Lettered in 4 gms, 2nd string as rFr. Wrestler in HS.

C
#53 DONOVAN RAIOLA SR.
6-3 294 **PS#104**
Rimington & Outland watch lists, **HM Big 10**, 12 sts LY. HM Big 10, 13 sts in '03. 2nd string, 5 gms, 1 st at RG as rFr.

#60 LUKE KNAUF SO.
6-4 304 **PS#68**
Backup OG/C as rFr. WI's Offensive POY as HS Sr.

LG
#75 ANDY KEMP FR.
6-6 316 **PS#13**
475 bench, 600 squat, enrolled in January '05. Looking to become 1st true Fr OL to start in Alvarez era.

#76 MATT LAWRENCE SR.
6-5 288 **PS#110**
Lettered in 8 gms as OL & sp tms LY. Lettered as 2nd string in '03.

LT
#72 JOE THOMAS JR.
6-8 303 **PS#12**
#2 Big 10 shot put on track. 4.93 speed. **HM Big 10**, 12 sts at LT LY. 10 gms as true, started at DE in bowl due to inj, 7 tkls, 1 tfl as true.

#70 ANDREW WEININGER SO.
6-6 314 **PS#46**
Backup OT in 1st 2 yrs. Twice named 1st Tm All-NY in HS.

DEFENSE

DE
#5 JAMAL COOPER SO.
6-4 217 **PS#67LB**
12 gms, 1 st, 18 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl, team's Co-Rookie of the Year award as rFr.

#54 MIKE NEWKIRK rFR.
6-3 250 **PS#151**
Moved to DE from MLB in redshirt season. WI heavyweight wrestling champ in HS.

DT
#96 NICK HAYDEN SO.
6-5 302 **PS#14**
4.8 speed. 5 gms, 1 tkl as true. WI's HS DL of the Year with 18 tfl, 11 sks as Sr.

#93 MARK GORMAN JR.
6-4 275 **PS#238**
Lettered in 7 gms, 3 tkls, 1 tfl LY. TE in HS.

DT
#99 JUSTIN OSTROWSKI SO.
6-5 304 **PS#5**
Lettered in 11 gms, 5 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. Wisconsin Gatorade POY as a HS Sr.

#91 JASON CHAPMAN rFR.
6-4 280 **PS#37TE**
4.75 speed. #2 DT in spring '05.

DE
#95 JOE MONTY JR.
6-2 252 **PS#94LB**
12 gms, 2 sts at DE, 18 tkls, 1 tfl LY. 12 gms, 9 tkls as "true". Grayshirt in '02.

#34 KURT WARE SO.
6-4 274 **PS#90**
4.6 speed. #2 DE in spring '05. Moved from TE to DE mid- '04.

CB
#21 LEVONNE ROWAN SR.
6-1 191 **PS#65**
4.3 speed.11 gms, 12 tkls, 1 pbu LY. 13 gms, 9 sts, 45 tkls, 6 pbu in '03. 10 gms mostly sp tms as true.

#27 JACK IKEGWUONU rFR.
6-1 199 **PS#143**
#2 CB in spring '05. Practiced at WR & CB on Scout Tm as true.

OLB
#14 DONTEZ SANDERS SR.
6-1 208 **PS#78WR**
HM Big 10, 12 sts, 76 tkls, 11 tfl, 3 pbu, 1 int LY. 13 gms, 7 tkls in '03. 12 gms at SS, 12 tkls as rFr.

#24 LAMARR WATKINS SR.
6-1 223 **PS#70RB**
5 gms, 9 tkls, 1 pbu LY. 12 gms, 2 sts, 18 tkls, 1 tfl in '03. 14 gms, 6 sts, 41 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 int as true.

MLB
#43 ANDY CROOKS SO.
6-3 242 **PS#74**
12 gms, 5 of L/6 sts, 38 tkls, 2 tfl, team's Co-Rookie of the Year as true. WI POY as HS Sr.

#15 REGINALD CRIBBS SR.
6-1 234 **PS#27**
NOR in spring '05 due to academics. 8 gms, 7 sts, 38 tkls, 4 tfl LY. DNP 1st 2Y due to leg injury.

OLB
#41 MARK ZALEWSKI JR.
6-2 228 **PS#52**
4.6 speed. **HM Big 10**, 12 sts, 55 tkls, 12 tfl, 2 pbu LY. 12 gms, 1 st, 8 tkls as rFr.

#NA TRAVIS BECKUM FR.
6-4 220 **PS#4**
WI POY as HS Sr with 38 tfl, 16 sks, 4 blk'd kicks.

CB
#6 BRETT BELL SR.
6-0 200 **PS#10**
Torn ACL in Jan '05. 12 sts, 64 tkls, 2 tfl, 10 pbu, 3 int LY. 3 sts, 12 tkls until medical RS in '03. 13 gms, 2 sts at FS, 33 tkls, 2 pbu in '02. 11 gms, 1 tkl as true.

#17 ALLEN LANGFORD rFR.
5-11 187 **PS#119**
Staff likes potential. Saw extended action in spring '05 due to Bell's injury.

FS
#22 RODERICK ROGERS JR.
6-2 181 **PS#139**
10 gms as backup DB/sp tms, 1 tkl LY. 7 gms, 6 tkls as true.

#26 ZACH HAMPTON JR.
5-10 178 **PS#312**
12 gms, 4 tkls LY after move from WR to FS. Lettered with 4 tkls on sp tms as rFr.

P
#94 KENNETH DEBAUCHE SO.
6-2 219 **PS#75**
Tm's special team POY, 57 punts, 41.8 avg, 37.1 net, 17 inside 20 as rFr. Walk-on. 44.3 career avg in HS.

SS
#36 JOHNNY WHITE JR.
6-2 217 **PS#132WR**
9 gms, 2 sts at SS, 17 tkls LY. 2 gms, 1 tkl as true.

#16 JOE STELLMACHER JR.
6-1 216 **PS#429**
12 gms as DB/sp tms, 10 tkls, 1 tfl LY. 1st 5 gms until broken leg, 1 st at SS, 16 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 pbu as rFr. Walk-on.

OLB Mark Zalewski

WISCONSIN BADGERS ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Co-offensive Coor/RB's: Brian White, 11th year
Enters his 7th season as the OC after being the RB coach previously. Prior to coming to Madison was the WR coach at UNLV in '90-'92 and '94 and worked with the QB's at Nevada under current QB coach Jeff Horton.

Co-offensive Coor/TE's: Paul Chryst, 1st year
Former Badger QB who rejoined the program in February '05 after serving his second stint as Oregon St's OC under Mike Riley ('03-'04 and '97-'98). Chryst spent the 2002 season as UW's TE coach after a 3 year stint as the San Diego Chargers TE coach ('99-'01) once again under Riley's direction.

QB's: Jeff Horton, 7th year
Arrived in Madison after being the HC at UNLV from '94-'98 compiling a 20-48 record in his tenure. His first team there was his most successful with a 7-5 record including a win in the Las Vegas Bowl. In '93 he made his HC debut at Nevada guiding the Wolf Pack to a 7-4 record.

WR's: Henry Mason, 11th year
In his tenure here Mason has tutored players like Lee Evans and Chris Chambers. Before arriving here Mason was the WR coach at Western Michigan from '91-'94 and a successful HS HC.

OL's: Jim Hueber, 14th year
Entering his 10th season as UW's OL coach, Hueber has coached 9 NFL DC's. From '92-94 he was the team's RB coach. Hueber previously was an assistant at Minnesota under Lou Holtz ('84-85) and John Gutekunst ('86-91).

DEFENSE

Defensive Coor/LB's: Bret Bielema, 2nd year
Coached one of the NCAA's top defenses in his first season here last year. Bielema came to UW after serving as Big 12 champion Kansas St's Co-DC from '02-'03. He got his coaching start at his alma mater Iowa serving as LB coach from '96-'01.

Assistant HC/DL's: John Palermo, 15th year
One of Palermo's biggest rebuilding projects comes this year as the DL loses all 4 starters who were NFL DC's including #1 pick DE Erasmus James. Palermo has coached the DL since '95 after coaching OLB's from '91-'94. He was the HC at Div IAA Austin Peay in '90 after serving as an assistant under Lou Holtz at Notre Dame ('88-'89) and Minnesota ('84-'87).

OLB/special teams: Brian Murphy, 4th year
Murphy has worked with several aspects of the team in his present tenure and as a grad assistant here from '94-'96. He also was a grad assistant at Baylor in '97, was Div IAA San Diego's DC in '98 and was an assistant at Lehigh in '99.

DB's: Ron Lee, 2nd year
Came to UW after serving as San Jose St's DC and DB's coach from '01-'02. Previously he served as the DB coach on Sonny Lubick's staff at Colorado St from '93-2000.

Strength coach: John Dettmann, 14th year
Dettmann had no prior collegiate coaching experience prior to being hired in '92 but that hasn't stopped him from setting up a program that has produced fourteen #1 or #2 DC in his tenure.

GAME BY GAME TEAM STATS

VERSUS	UCF	UNLV	ARIZONA	PENN ST	ILLINOIS	OHIO ST	PURDUE	N'WSTRN	MINN	MICH ST	IOWA	BOWL	TOTALS
SCORE	34	18	9	16	24	24	20	24	38	14	7	21	249
FD's	23	16	18	17	18	19	16	19	28	23	15	14	226
TOTAL YARDS	400	276	262	280	357	344	295	386	525	396	186	230	3937
RUSH YARDS	49-230	44-145	46-146	46-130	50-258	48-184	30-84	53-208	60-228	41-217	30-41	35-60	532-1931
PASS YARDS	170	131	116	150	99	160	211	178	297	179	145	170	2006
COM-ATT	9-20	14-24	12-24	12-29	9-20	15-24	17-32	13-21	19-26	21-39	18-39	12-27	171-325
INT	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	7
SACKS VS/Yds	0-0	1-7	0-0	1-8	1-12	2-8	0-0	1-3	3-7	2-10	4-14	7-39	22-108
FUMBLES/Lost	4-1	1-0	2-2	1-1	1-1	1-0	3-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	3-2	2-2	21-11
OPPONENTS STATS													
SCORE	6	3	7	3	7	13	17	12	14	49	30	24	185
FD's	11	11	12	9	16	12	26	23	13	21	14	21	189
TOTAL YARDS	230	174	199	157	206	224	367	334	331	551	262	460	3495
RUSH YARDS	35-53	27-72	33-96	26-70	27-42	25-99	40-132	36-149	18-73	44-430	39-76	37-196	387-1488
PASS YARDS	177	102	103	87	164	125	235	185	258	121	186	264	2007
COM-ATT	13-24	13-29	9-15	8-28	20-41	15-31	25-45	16-37	17-34	10-20	15-24	19-41	180-369
INT	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	2	11
SACKS BY/Yds	4-24	2-11	3-38	4-31	2-12	5-21	5-25	2-7	1-9	1-3	4-30	1-4	34-215
FUMBLES/Lost	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	3-2	4-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	15-9

INDIVIDUAL GAME PERFORMANCES

RUSHING	UCF	UNLV	ARIZONA	PENN ST	ILLINOIS	OHIO ST	PURDUE	N'WSTRN	MINN	MICH ST	IOWA	BOWL
Anthony Davis	13-78-1	–	–	–	27-213-3	39-168-1	18-66-1	31-117-2	31-124-2	21-128-1	–	21-79-0
Booker Stanley	12-47-0	22-49-0	30-135-1	10-9-1	–	–	5-14-0	15-50-0	5-11-0	5-19-0	10-12-1	1-4-0
Matt Bernstein	6-17-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	27-123	13-37-0	5-25-0	1-3-0	2-8-0	11-37-0	3-20-1	11-28-0	1-2-0
Tyler Donovan	4-64-0	–	–	–	0-0-0	–	–	–	1-11-0	4-27-0	–	2-15-0
John Stocco	3(-12)-1	2-(-3)-0	4-7-0	3-(-3)-1	2-0-0	4-(-9)-0	5-2-0	4-8-0	7-19-2	6-9-0	8-2-0	8-(-40)-0
PASSING												
John Stocco	8-18-0	14-24-1	12-14-0	12-29-2	9-20-0	15-24-0	17-32-1	13-21-1	16-26	20-38-0	18-38-2	12-27-0
(Com-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	164-2	131-1	116-0	150-0	99-0	160-2	211-1	178-1	297-1	178-0	145-0	170-1
Tyler Donovan	1-2-0	–	–	–	0-0-0	–	–	–	0-0-0	1-1-0	–	0-0-0
	6-0									1-0		
RECEIVING												
Brandon Williams	1-30-0	3-25-0	1-6-0	3-64-0	2-7-0	3-18-0	7-84-0	6-70-0	5-87-0	3-31-0	5-39-0	3-56-0
Owen Daniels	1-52-1	2-40-0	2-12-0	1-14-0	2-43-0	4-72-0	2-36-0	1-4-1	4-39-1	4-36-0	–	2-43-0
Darrin Charles	1-12-0	1-5-1	1-10-0	–	–	4-30-1	2-43-0	4-83-0	2-32-0	5-48-0	2-18-0	3-52-1
Jonathan Orr	3-42-1	1-13-0	1-15-0	2-16-0	1-6-0	1-10-1	–	–	3-68-1	1-7-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Brandon White	–	2-12-0	2-24-0	2-29-0	1-6-0	–	2-19-0	–	1-7-0	3-32-0	4-42-0	0-0-0
Booker Stanley	1-16-0	5-36-0	2-13-0	2-13-0	–	0-0-0	1-7-1	2-21-0	0-0-0	1-11-0	4-29-0	0-0-0

WISCONSIN'S 2005 ROSTER

#	Name	Year	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown
37	Phil Arnold	FR	DB	5-7	170	Mendota Hts, MI
21	Josh Balts	SO	RB	6-1	240	Barron, WI
6	Brett Bell	SR	DB	6-0	200	Wheaton, IL
45	Matt Bernstein	SR	FB	6-2	266	Scarsdale, NY
37	Matt Brown	SO	TE	6-5	219	Madison, WI
2	Brian Calhoun	JR	RB	5-10	194	Oak Creek, WI
91	Jason Chapman	FR	DL	6-4	280	Bedford Hts, OH
65	Marcus Coleman	SO	OL	6-6	309	Plymouth, MI
5	Jamal Cooper	SO	DL	6-4	217	St Louis, MO
44	Jammar Crane	rFR	LB	6-1	200	Garland, TX
43	Andy Crooks	SO	LB	6-3	242	Wausau, WI
66	Gino Cruse	rFR	DL	6-5	312	Phoenix, AZ
11	Owen Daniels	SR	TE/WR	6-3	247	Naperville, IL
30	Jameson Davis	rFR	DB	6-0	199	Hamden, CT
94	Ken DeBauche	SO	P	6-2	219	Suamico, WI
12	Tyler Donovan	SO	QB	6-1	187	Hartland, WI
25	Julian Edwards	rFR	DB	6-1	217	DeForest, WI
31	Nate Egholm	SO	DB	5-10	218	Oconomowoc, WI
29	Antonio Freeman	rFR	DB	6-0	186	Milwaukee, WI
47	Elliot Goode	SR	LB	6-2	239	Manlius, NY
93	Mark Gorman	JR	DL	6-4	275	The Woodlands, TX
12	Michael Gust	rFR	DB	6-1	202	Menomonie, WI
26	Zach Hampton	JR	DB	5-10	178	Lancaster, WI
96	Nick Hayden	SO	DL	6-5	302	Hartland, WI
13	Casey Hogan	SO	LB	6-5	201	Cross Plains, WI
5	Jeff Holzbauer	JR	WR	5-11	190	Germantown, WI
19	Paul Hubbard	SO	WR	6-4	216	Colorado Spgs, CO
27	Jack Ikegwuonu	rFR	DB	6-1	199	Madison, WI
57	Steven Johnson	SO	LS	6-3	247	Brookfield, WI
23	Paul Joran	JR	LB	6-3	234	Apple Valley, MN
20	James Kamoku	SO	DB	6-2	211	Kailua-Kona, HI
64	Danny Kaye	SO	OL	6-8	319	New Berlin, WI
56	Brandon Kelly	SO	DL	6-4	250	Bedford, OH
75	Andy Kemp	FR	OL	6-6	316	Menasha, WI
60	Luke Knauf	SO	OL	6-4	304	Stratford, WI
20	Derek Konkol	SO	WR	5-9	182	Amherst, WI
38	Ben Landgraf	rFR	LB	6-3	208	New Berlin, WI
17	Allen Langford	rFR	DB	5-11	187	Detroit, MI
27	Brad Lantagne	SO	DB	6-2	193	Green Bay, WI
76	Matt Lawrence	SR	OL	6-5	288	Millsboro, DE
10	Sean Lewis	rFR	TE	6-7	235	Oak Lawn, IL
59	Victor Meckstroth	JR	LB	6-1	245	Mequon, WI
10	Taylor Mehlhaff	SO	K	5-11	179	Aberdeen, SD
16	Craig Meier	rFR	QB	6-3	198	Madison, WI
88	Jarvis Minton	SO	WR	6-1	202	Arlington, TX
95	Joe Monty	JR	DL	6-2	252	Ft Collins, TX
51	Joshua Neal	rFR	LB	5-10	234	Nashville, TN
89	Joel Nellis	SR	TE	6-4	239	Madison, WI
54	Mike Newkirk	rFR	DL	6-3	250	Ladysmith, WI
9	Jonathan Orr	SR	WR	6-3	190	Detroit, MI
99	Justin Ostrowski	SO	DL	6-5	304	Portage, WI
52	Jason Palermo	SR	OL	6-3	307	Madison, WI
81	Dave Peck	rFR	TE	6-5	240	Media, PA
84	Jason Pociask	SR	TE	6-3	258	Plainfield, IN
25	Chris Pressley	SO	FB	6-1	256	Woodbury, NJ
55	Adam Purcell	SO	DL	6-1	242	Oak Creek, WI
53	Donovan Raiola	SR	OL	6-3	294	Honolulu, HI
13	Marcus Randle El	SO	WR	5-10	186	Markham, IL
34	Bill Rentmeester	rFR	FB	6-0	249	Beaver Dam, WI
22	Roderick Rogers	JR	DB	6-2	181	Stone Mountain, GA
21	Levonne Rowan	SR	DB	6-1	191	Erie, PA
24	Dywon Rowan	JR	RB	5-9	239	Erie, PA
14	Dontez Sanders	SR	LB	6-1	208	Bedford, OH
3	Bryan Savage	rFR	QB	6-4	211	Clifton Hts, PA
98	Adam Schober	rFR	P/K	5-11	195	Plano, TX
39	Alex Sell	rFR	LB	6-0	208	Eau Claire, WI
23	Matthew Sorg	SO	RB	6-0	228	Springboro, OH
97	Paul Standring	SO	P	6-1	212	Chicago, IL
32	Booker Stanley	JR	RB	5-10	214	Milwaukee, WI
16	Joe Stellmacher	JR	DB	6-1	216	Berlin, WI
7	John Stocco	JR	QB	6-2	197	Richfield, MN
3	Ben Strickland	SO	DB	5-9	180	Brookfield, WI
49	Nick Sutton	rFR	LB	6-2	205	Detroit, MI
15	Luke Swan	SO	WR	6-0	197	Fennimore, WI
72	Joe Thomas	JR	OL	6-8	303	Brookfield, WI
63	Kraig Urbik	rFR	OL	6-6	317	Hudson, WI
62	Mike Van Someren	SO	OL	6-7	315	Somerset, WI
42	Jamil Walker	SO	RB	6-2	215	Rolling Meadows, IL
46	Joe Walker	rFR	WR	6-2	195	Green Bay, WI
34	Kurt Ware	SO	DL	6-4	274	Spring, TX
17	Dustin Warner	rFR	WR	6-2	199	Eau Claire, WI
24	LaMarr Watkins	SR	LB	6-1	223	Mt Laurel, NJ
70	Andrew Weininger	SO	OL	6-6	314	Harrison, NY
71	Chad Wert	rFR	DL	6-3	215	Hudson, WI
8	Brandon White	SR	WR	6-3	190	Palm Beach, FL
36	Johnny White	JR	DB	6-2	217	Pearland, TX
1	Brandon Williams	SR	WR	5-11	175	St Louis, MO
94	Derek Yentz	SO	DL	6-3	252	Wauwatosa, WI
41	Mark Zalewski	JR	LB	6-2	228	Wausau, WI

WISCONSIN BADGERS THE LAST 3 YEARS

2004 SEASON

RECORD: 9-3 BIG 10 RECORD: 6-2

WISCONSIN 34 Ucf 6 - UW quickly went 53 yds in 8 plays for a TD. UCF got a 32 yd pass to the UW 43 and nailed a 51 yd FG, 7-3. UW made a 39 yd FG, 10-3. After a bad snap UW missed a 39 yd FG. UCF had a 2nd & 11 at UW 43 when Moffett was sk'd & fmbl'd and it was ret'd for a TD but instant replay overruled the TD and gave UW the ball at the 50. Six plays later UW had a TD, 17-3. UW settled for a 29 yd FG, 20-3. UW only had a 166-114 yd edge at the half. UW opened the 3Q with a 66 yd 10 play drive for a TD, 27-3. UCF went 37 yds in 10 plays for a 32 yd FG 27-6. UW then had a 52 yd TD pass made it 34-6

WISCONSIN 18 Unlv 3 - Due to Davis' injury, Stanley started and avg'd just 2.2 ypc rushing and frosh Jamil Walker had 88 yds on 16 carries. With Steichen in at QB for UNLV had a bad snap on a punt for a safety, 2-0. UNLV then went 67 yds but had their 30 yd FG blk'd & ret'd 86 yds for a TD, 9-0. Steichen was tkl'd in the EZ for another safety, 11-0. UW took over at the 44 after the free kick but was int'd UNLV went 42 yds and made a 35 yd FG 11-3. UW went 81 yds in 16 plays for a TD for the final.

Wisconsin 9 ARIZONA 7 - The game had an 88:00 weather delay due to thunderstorms. When the game resumed, UA went 59 yds with a 44 yd TD pass with just :32 left in the half making it 7-0. The teams did not go to halftime after the lengthy delay. The Badgers went 58 yds in 10 plays for a TD left but missed the xp, 7-6. The Badgers went on a 72 yd 16 play drive they settled for a 22 yd FG. UA missed a 47 yd FG with :32 left.

WISCONSIN 16 Penn St 3 - The key here was PSU losing their top 2 QB's and relying on 3rd stringer Chris Ganter who hit just 6 of 23 for 32 yds. UW went 44 yds in 8 plays for a TD, 7-0. UW went 56 yds in 9 plays and hit a 39 yd FG. Ganter was int'd and ret'd to the 26 at this point PSU actually had a 105-86 yd edge. UW made a 38 yd FG, 13-0. UW opened the 2H going 72 yds for a 26 yd FG. PSU went 74 yds & settled for a 23 yd FG after having a 1st & goal.

WISCONSIN 24 Illinois 7 - UW RB Davis had his biggest game of the year with 213 yds. UI used 3 QB's due to ineffective play. UW went 84 yds for a TD early 2Q. UW went 59 yds and nailed a 48 yd FG, 10-0 at the half. UI opened the 3Q with a 50 yd drive but missed a 47 yd FG. UW went 70 yds and got a Davis TD run, 17-0. After a Stocco fmbl set IL up at the UW 34, 3rd QB Pazan came in to lead the team 6 plays for a TD with 7:29 left. On the next drive Davis got a 31 yd TD run on 4th & 3 to ice it.

Wisconsin 24 OHIO ST 13 - UW won for the 3rd consec time in Columbus. OSU's Ginn ret'd a punt 65 yds for a TD. OSU got a 43 yd run by Pittman but settled for a 42 yd FG. UW ret'd the KO 46 yds and Davis ripped off a 32 yd TD run. UW went 78 yds & got a TD. OSU then nailed a 55 yd FG by Nugent to pull within 14-13 on the 1H's last play. UW opened the 3Q with a 72 yd drive for a 26 yd FG. UW got an 11 yd TD pass as the D held OSU to 2 FD's in the 2H.

Wisconsin 20 PURDUE 17 - After shutting out PU in the 1H and holding them to 122 ttl yds. The Badgers went 78 yds 11 plays for a TD. UW missed a 57 yd FG on the final play of the half. At the half UW had a 155-122 yd edge. PU started to move. They went 83 yds in 11 plays for a TD. Hawthorne was inj'd during the drive so 3 DL's were out. Pass interference gave PU a FD and they hit a 35 yd FG, 10-7. PU went 65 yds in 9 plays for a TD 17-7. UW answered with a 73 yd drive for a TD. PU was trying to run the clock out with 2:49 left. The ball came out and Starks picked it up and ret'd it 40 yds for a TD with 2:36 left in the game, 20-17. PU converted on 4th & 2 and got to the 22 and a sk pushed them back & missed a 42 yd FG with :24 left.

WISCONSIN 24 Northwestern 12 - UW was w/o starting DE's James and Welsh and MLB Cribbs. UW blk'd a punt and rec'd at the 14 but the Badgers missed a 31 yd FG. UW then went 56 yds and hit a 29 yd FG. UW went 73 yds for TD. UW went 71 yds and a 7 yd TD run by Davis made it 17-0 at the half. After UW added a 66 yd TD drive, NW went 68 yds as Basanez hit Philmore with a 29 yd TD pass, 24-6 (2 ptng). NW rec'd the onside kick and drove 49 yds for a TD, 24-12 (2 ptng). UW ran out the clock.

WISCONSIN 38 Minnesota 14 - UW's D came in allowing just 9.1 ppg, the lowest in the nation. UW got a 45 yd TD run by Davis. MSU got a 60 yd run to the 14 but missed a 29 yd FG. MSU went 66 yds for a TD. MSU blk'd a punt and rec'd in the EZ for a TD. UW went 66 yds for a TD 14-14. MSU went 99 yds for a TD 21-14. UW drove 72 yds and on 4th & goal at the 1 with :17 left in the 1H. It appeared Davis crossed the goal line but it was ruled short and the review upheld the call. MSU rec'd an onside kick to open the 3Q and went 55 yds for a TD, 28-14. MSU started at their own 47 & got a TD pass. MSU RB Cobb ripped off a 55 yd TD run. MSU went 79 yds but was SOD again at the MSU 1. MSU went 99 yds for a TD for the final.

IOWA 30 Wisconsin 7 - Iowa was int'd at their own 32 but UW missed a 47 yd FG after fmbl'g the snap. Iowa was int'd 3 plays later at their own 48 and ret'd 13 yds. The Badgers missed a 51 yd FG wide right. Iowa went 66 yds in 9 plays for a TD. UW went 43 yds in 10 plays for a TD with 1:51 left in the half, 7-7. Iowa got a huge play when after a 37 yd KR to the 40, on 3rd & 1 they got a 51 yd TD pass 14-7. At the half, Iowa had a 146-107 yd edge thanks to the 60 yd play. UW was int'd at their own 32 & 7 plays later, Iowa had a TD, 21-7. UW fmbl'd the KO at their own 21 & Iowa added a 31 yd FG. Iowa added 2 more FG's.

2003 SEASON

RECORD: 7-6 BIG 10 RECORD: 4-4

Wisconsin 24 W VIRGINIA 17 - Wisky missed 2 FG's and was SOD at the 29 in the 1H and trailed 10-7 at the half. WV lost starting QB Marshall on the 2nd series but backup Hales guided them for a TD and the FG was set up by an 81 yd KR. WV went 66 yds for a TD early 3Q to lead 17-7. Wisky settled for a 29 yd FG and then drove 33 yds for a TD, 17-17. Wisky went 67 yds in 8 plays for a TD with 2:57 left. WV was sk'd on 4th down and UW ended the game at the WV 14.

WISCONSIN 48 Akron 31 - UW controlled the 1H and led 31-10. UA drove 84 & 76 yds for TD's in the 3Q. After a UW FG, UW was int'd at the 9. UA then drove 91 yds for a TD. After a 38 yd PR, UA got a 34 yd pass down to the 9. On 4th & goal at the 1, UA was threatening to take the lead with 6:38 left, but they were SOD. UW then got a 99 yd TD pass on the next play to Evans. UW added a 96 yd drive with a 45 yd Davis run & 34 yd Smith TD run, and UA's final threat was SOD at the UW 42.

Unlv 23 WISCONSIN 5 - UW's 5 TO's cost them the game. UW lost top RB Davis mid 1Q and backup Smith fmbl'd at the UNLV 6 . On the next series Smith fmbl'd again and Brimmer ret'd it 55 yds for a TD and UNLV led 10-0. UW blk'd a punt for a safety and then got a 27 yd FG to pull within 10-5. After a 36 yd int ret by Brimmer, UNLV drove 14 yds for a TD, 16-5 at the half. Brimmer ret'd an int to the 24 setting up a 3 play TD drive, 23-5. UW fmbl'd at the UNLV 18, missed a 47 yd FG, was SOD at the UNLV 6 and 37 yd lines and their final drive was SOD at their own 11.

WISCONSIN 38 N Carolina 27 - NC ret'd the opening KO 97 yds for a TD but UW drove 47 yds for a TD and got a 3 yd TD drive after a fmbl. Each team got a TD and UW led 21-14. UW was int'd in the EZ with :44 left 1H. UW drove 35 yds for a TD and NC got a 51 yd FG. UW got an 80 yd TD drive and NC missed a 47 yd FG. After a 53 yd int return, UW got a 20 yd FG with 1:30 left. NC ret'd the KO 98 yds for a TD but a clip called it back. The Heels drove 74 yds and got a 25 yd TD pass on the final play.

Wisconsin 38 ILLINOIS 20 - Davis DNP for UW but backup Smith had 193 yds rushing. After a 19 yd punt, UW drove 45 yds for a TD and then added 68 and 80 yd drives and led 21-0. UI got a 27 yd FG and a 75 yd 18 play drive for a TD with :32 left pulled them within 21-10. UI got a 47 yd FG and UW hit a 75 yd pass which set up a 5 yd TD run and led 28-13. UI drove 68 yds for a TD. UI got an int return for a TD but a roughing the QB penalty gave UW the FD & UW scored another TD, 35-20. UW went 75 yds settling for an 18 yd FG with 3:54 left to close the scoring.

Wisconsin 30 PENN ST 23 - PSU fmbl'd at the UW 24 but UW fmbl'd it back and PSU settled for a 36 yd FG. Each team got a long TD drive but PSU missed their xp and only led 9-7. UW got a 55 yd KR to set up a 46 yd FG for a 10-9 lead and PSU fmbl'd the ensuing KO but UW missed a FG. PSU missed a 48 yd FG with 2:06 left 1H but fmbl'd a punt on their own 23 with :36 and UW got a 24 yd TD pass to lead 17-9 at the half. In the 3Q UW got a 65 yd PR TD to lead 23-9 (xpng). After PSU got a 73 yd TD pass, UW ran the ball 13 consecutive times in an 80 yd TD drive, 30-16. PSU drove 70 yds for a TD but later missed a 42 yd FG. UW ran off all but :29 and PSU gained 82 of their yds on the final 3 desperation plays.

WISCONSIN 17 Ohio St 10 - Rainy, cold 1H. The Badgers drove 64 yds for a TD. UW fmbl'd a punt at its own 19 but OSU settled for a 24 yd FG and trailed 7-3 at the half. OSU fmbl'd a punt and UW rec'd it on the OSU 39. The Badgers then hit a 38 yd FG. UW QB Sorgi was intentionally inj'd by OSU LB Reynolds and Schabert QB'd the rest. OSU was int'd at the UW 23 but got a 46 yd pass down to the 6 and the TD 2 plays later with 6:09 left to tie. UW got a 79 yd TD pass with 5:20 left. OSU punted from midfield with 3:40 left and the Badgers ran out the clock.

Purdue 26 WISCONSIN 23 - PU had 27-12 FD and 477-293 yd edges. PU drove 59 yds for a TD after an int and then 70 yds for a TD after a fmbl and led 14-0 as Orton completed his first 15 passes. UW drove 62 yds for a TD and then got a 55 yd fmbl return for a TD, 14-13 (xpng). PU nailed a 42 yd FG with 4:11 left 1H and led 17-13. The teams traded long FG drives. PU then added a 27 yd FG, 23-16 with 8:20 left. UW fmbl'd at the PU 29 but later UW's Leonard ret'd a punt 63 yds for a TD, 23-23. PU then drove 82 yds and nailed an 18 yd FG with :03 left for the win.

N'WESTERN 16 Wisconsin 7 - UW was w/o QB Sorgi and RB Davis. The Badgers missed a 36 yd FG and NW got a 53 yd TD pass on 3rd & 9 to lead 6-0 (xpng). NW was w/o its starting K and missed a 25 yd FG early 2Q. After an int UW drove 52 yds for a TD and the lead, 7-6. NW drove 81 yds but settled for a 25 yd FG from P Huffman to lead 9-7 at the half. NW faked a 41 yd FG and got a FD at the 3. They got a TD 2 plays later, 16-7. UW got an int at the NW 33 but missed a 40 yd FG. UW drove 48 yds but their 4th & 6 pass with :27 left fell incomplete.

MINNESOTA 37 Wisconsin 34 - UM scored on every 1H poss to take a 24-13 lead at half. UW QB Sorgi fired a 17 yd TD pass to Evans on their first poss of the 3Q. After a 34 yd FG by UM, Sorgi fired an 11 yd TD pass to Charles to tie it at 27. A UM int set up a 60 yd TD drive, but Sorgi answered with a 27 yd TD pass to knot it back up. UM drove 61 yds for the game winning 35 yd FG on the game's last play. UM had a 336-119 rush yd edge but Badgers QB Sorgi hit 23-34 for 305 yds & 4 TD's.

WISCONSIN 56 Mich St 21 - UW had 65 & 54 yd TD drives and led 14-0. WR Evans set a school record with 258 yds rec and tied a B10 record with 5 TD's. Third string Badger RB Smith rushed 207 yds. Evans got a 75 yd TD rec, 21-0 but the Spartans ret'd a KO 59 yds to set up a 25 yd TD drive. UW got an 81 yd drive for a TD and led 28-7 at the half. They extended it to 56-14 pulling their starters early in the 4Q.

Iowa 27 WISCONSIN 21 - UW missed a 52 yd FG and Iowa went 66 yds for a TD. Starks ret'd an int to the 5 and UW got a TD 2 plays later. UW went 80 yds for a TD. Backup UW QB Schabert came in when Sorgi was inj'd & led UW 36 yds for a TD, 21-7. Schabert was int'd and it was ret'd 39 yds to the UW 26 setting up an Iowa TD. Iowa hit a 50 yd FG with :11 left 1H, 21-17. The Badgers were SOD at the Iowa 43. Later Schabert was int'd again and ret'd to the 1 setting up an Iowa TD. Schabert was int'd for the 3rd time and Iowa got a 28 yd FG for a 27-21 lead. Stocco was brought in & led UW 43 yds but his 4th & goal pass from the 5 fell incomplete.

2002 SEASON

RECORD: 8-6 BIG 10 RECORD: 2-6

WISCONSIN 23 Fresno 21 - FSU got 32 & 22 yd passes on consec plays to Berrian for a TD. FSU was on its own 19 when a high snap went over the QB's head and UW rec'd at the 1 setting up a TD. UW drove 64 yds for a 27 yd FG and FSU missed a FG on the 1H's final play. FSU drove 15 yds for a TD after rec'ing a fmbl but UW drove 65 yds for a TD, 17-14. UW got a 35 yd FG but FSU rec'd a fmbl at the UW 25 and 2 plays later got a 20 yd TD pass, 21-20. UW drove 63 yds for a 34 yd FG w/2:05 left. The drive was kept alive when a 46 yd FG was missed but FSU was offsides. FSU got to midfield but a 4th & 19 pass fell incomplete.

Wisconsin 27 UNLV 7 - UW missed 40 & 47 yd FG's in the 1H and UNLV fmbl'd at the 5. UW had 37 & 10 yd TD drives set up by TO's and added two 55 yd drives for a FG & TD. UNLV went 83 yds for a TD w/:56 left 2Q, 24-7. UW missed a 29 yd FG but drove 47 yds for a 42 yd FG w/7:52 left. The power went out w/7:41 left and the coaches susp'd the game.

WISCONSIN 34 W Virginia 17 - UW went on consecutive drives of 72, 59, 61 & 79 yds, 34-3 at half. WV got an 80 yd TD drive to open in the 3Q but each was SOD in the others terr before WV drove 70 yds for a TD w/9:18 left. Twice UW was in WV terr and opted to punt.

WISCONSIN 24 N Illinois 21 - NI had a 455-275 yd edge and 10 sk's. NI hit a 34 yd FG and fmbl'd at the UW 2. Another fmbl set up UW for a 58 yd TD drive but each team got a FG in the 1H's final minute, 10-6 UW. NI drove 63 yds but settled for a 35 yd FG. UW got an 18 yd TD drive after an int. NI drove 79 yds for a TD, 17-15 (2 ptng). NI then drove 90 yds for a TD w/5:55 left to lead 21-17 (2 ptng). UW punted w/2:20 left but later went 50 yds w/the drive kept alive by a 3rd & 10 pass interf call on a 1 yd pass. Another pass interf call put them at the 2 and they got a TD w/1:21 left.

WISCONSIN 31 Arizona 10 - UA was int'd and UW drove 74 yds for a TD w/3:21 left in the 1H. UW blk'd a punt and rec'd at the 3 setting up a short TD, 14-0. UW went on a 96 yd 10 play TD drive on its next poss, 21-0 and after a 32 yd PR added a 32 yd FG w/:16 left in the half to lead 24-3. In the 3Q UA got a 70 yd TD run by Farmer but UW went on an 8:36, 80 yd 17 play TD drive w/1:39 left, 31-7. UA punted and was int'd at the UW 17 on their next 2 poss. After a 35 yd PR, they started at the UW 21 but settled for a 27 yd FG w/8:10 left. The final 3 poss ended in punts.

Penn St 34 WISCONSIN 31 - PSU had a 436-309 yd edge but only led 21-14 at the half because UW got a 65 yd int ret for a TD and PSU settled for 2 FG's. PSU drove 54 yds for a TD to led 28-14 but UW answered w/ an 80 yd TD drive. PSU nailed a 51 yd FG w/7:36 left and added a 40 yd FG w/2:55 left to lead 34-23 but UW drove 65 yds in 8 plays for a TD and 2 pt conv w/1:17 left. PSU rec'd the onside kick and ran out the clock.

INDIANA 32 Wisconsin 29 - An IU fmbl set UW up for a FG & IU answered with a FG. UW had 70 yd FG drive, 6-3. IU drove 91 yds for a TD. UW got a 44 yd FG and drove 64 yds for a TD for a 16-10 halftime lead. UW added an 85 yd TD drive and after an int drove 8 yds for a TD, 29-10. IU drove 79 & 74 yds for TD's. IU drove 76 yds for a TD w/2:16 left to take the lead. UW's was SOD giving IU their 1st win over a ranked foe since 2000.

Ohio St 19 WISCONSIN 14 - Clarett got a 49 yd TD pass, 7-0. UW got a 41 yd TD run to tie. OSU got a 27 yd FG, 10-7. UW took over w/ 4:10 left in the half Sorgi hit a 42 yd TD pass for the lead, 14-13 at the half. After a scoreless 3Q OSU drove 88 yds for a TD, 19-14 (2 ptng). UW punted w/ 4:29 left and OSU was able to run out the clock.

Wisconsin 42 MICHIGAN ST 24 - Smoker was susp & Dowdell started. UW had scoring drives of 68, 46 and 80 yds and led 21-0. MSU got a 36 yd FG. The Badgers went 62 yds for a TD w/:05 left, 28-3 and the crowd booed. MSU opened the 3Q w/ an 84 yd TD drive but UW answered w/ a 65 yd drive, 35-10. MSU went 67 yds but was int'd in the EZ but later went 60 yds for a TD, 35-17. UW went 79 yds for a TD. Dowdell got inj'd and on Alexander's 2nd pass he hit Rogers w/ a 44 yd TD w/ 5:23 left.

IOWA 20 Wisconsin 3 - UW lost QB Bollinger to a 2Q inj & Iowa was w/o leading rusher Russell. Iowa got a FG and UW also settled for 1 after dropping a wide open TD pass. Iowa got a 46 yd TD drive w/1:03 left 2Q to lead 10-3. Iowa got a FG and drove 55 yds for a TD, 20-3. Iowa missed a FG and the Badgers had a 13 play drive end on an int in the EZ. UW's final drive ended on an int at the Iowa 5.

Illinois 37 WISCONSIN 20 - UW was w/out QB Bollinger & RB Davis due to inj's. IL suffered 5 TO's but had a 26-13 FD edge. IL opened w/ a 45 yd FG but UW went 77 yds to tie it. IL went 61 and 36 yds (after fmbl) for TD's, 17-3. UW got a 6 yd TD drive after a 52 yd fmbl return and got a 44 yd FG after an int, 17-13. IL was int'd in the EZ but UW was SOD. IL got a 22 yd TD pass w/:28 left 1H to lead 24-13. UW got a 56 yd int return setting up a 10 yd TD drive, 24-20 but IL went 68 & 32 yds for FG's and 56 yds for a TD, 37-20. UW's last threat ended in an int in the EZ.

MICHIGAN 21 Wisconsin 14 - UM drove 75 yds for a TD. UW fmbl'd on their 1st play and UM drove 19 yds for a TD. UW ret'd a punt 39 yds for a TD. UW drove 54 yds for a TD foll an int w/ 4:31 left 1H to tie. UM drove 78 yds in 16 plays for a TD. UW's final drive got to the 32 but were SOD.

WISCONSIN 49 Minnesota 31 - UM blk'd an early punt to set up a 39 yd FG but trailed 14-6 early 2Q. UM drove 87 yds for a TD with 3:50 left in the half but UW went 87 yds in 12 plays. On 4th & goal from the 1 with :03 left UW got a TD for a 21-14 lead and had a 17-8 FD edge at the half. The teams traded scores through the 3rd and early 4Q with UW leading 35-31 with 10:21 left. After a UM punt, UW drove 75 yds for a TD. UM was int'd in the EZ and UW got a 71 yd run by Davis which was his 5th TD and part of a 311 yd day, 49-31 and UM's final threat was int'd in the EZ.

WISCONSIN BADGERS

2005 BIG 10 RECRUITMENT RANKING: 6
2005 NATIONAL RANK: 23

2005 NEWCOMERS

Travis Beckum PS#4LB 6-4 220 Oak Creek HS/ Milwaukee, WI. 4.5 speed. US Army AA Bowl participant. Parade AA and earned All-WI honors twice. Terrific Senior season where he recorded 108 tackles, 38 tackles for loss, 16 sacks, 7 interceptions, 8 fumble recoveries and 4 blocked kicks

Jerry Butler PS#117RB 5-9 175 George Washington HS/Philly, PA. 4.3 speed. *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Philadelphia Daily News* Player of the Year. Selected for Big 33 game between Pennsylvania and Ohio All-Stars. Also was named 1st Team Pennsylvania Class AAAA after rushing for 1,759 yards (10.2) and 24 TD's as a Senior.

DB Shane Carter PS#157WR 6-2 190 Troy HS/Troy, OH. 4.5 speed. All-District DB who totalled 77 tkls, 6 int and 17 pbu as a Sr. As a WR added 19 rec for 376 yds and 6 TD's. Hoops standout who avg'd nearly 18 pts, 6 rebounds and 5 assists per game and may walk-on to Bo Ryan's team. Brother of former NFL great Chris Carter.

Dan Cascone PS#200DL 6-3 315 Newtown HS/ Newtown, CT. 5.0 speed. 1st Team All-Connecticut recruit who made 51 tackles, 16 tackles for loss and 13 sacks as a Senior.

Jonathan Casillas PS#187LB 6-2 200 New Brunswick HS/New Brunswick, NJ. 4.4 speed. 1st Team All-New Jersey honoree who played both ways making 90 tackles, 20 tackles for loss and 16 sacks on defense while catching 20 receptions for 410 yards and 8 TD's on offense as a Senior. Track standout who posted a 10.4 time in the 100m dash in spring '05.

Matt Fischer PS#90K 5-11 180 East HS/ Appleton, WI. Honorable Mention All-State performer who hit 7 of 10 field goals in 2004, with a long of 46.

Dion Foster PS#32RB 5-8 195 Oak Lawn Richards HS/Robbins, IL. 4.5 speed. 36" verticle jump. All-Illinois player who rushed for 2,010 yards (9.9) and 25 TD's as a Senior. Committed to Wisconsin in May of '04.

Garrett Graham PS#19TE 6-4 225 Memorial HS/ Brick, NJ 4.75 speed. Two-time 1st Team All-New Jersey standout who had had 25 catches for 604 yards and 10 TD's as a Senior. Terrific Junior season where he made 37 catches for 760 yards and 5 TD's. Also hit 45 and 47 yd FG's as a kicker.

PJ Hill PS#142RB 5-11 220 Brooklyn-Poly Prep/E Elmhurst, NY 4.6 speed. Two time All-New York City player and city Player of the Year finalist as a Senior. Rushed for 1,421 yards (8.6) and 17 TD's in 2004.

Elijah Hodge PS#40LB 6-1 205 Ft Lauderdale HS/St Thomas, Virgin Islands. 4.5 speed. Played in Nike South Florida All-Star game. Compiled 125 tkls, 4 sks and 2 int as a Senior. Brother of All-Big 10 Iowa LB Abdul Hodge.

Terrance Jamison PS#85DL 6-4 245 Thornton Twp HS/Riverdale, IL 4.7 speed. Earned 2nd Team All-Illinois laurels after making 99 tackles and 18 sacks as a Senior. Brother Tim is a DE at Michigan.

Andy Kemp PS#13OL 6-6 315 Menasha HS/ Menasha, WI 5.0 speed. Enrolled at UW in January '05 with the goal of being the first true Freshman OL to start in the Alvarez era. Gatorade Wisconsin Player of the Year as a Senior and 1st Team All-State. Committed in September '03.

Deandre Levy PS#120LB 6-3 215 Vincent HS/ Milwaukee, WI 4.42 speed. All-Wisconsin selection who piled up 84 tackles, 21 tackles for loss, five sacks and four forced fumbles as a Senior.

Jaevery McFadden PS#52TE 6-3 215 William T Dwyer HS/Riviera Beach, FL 4.6 speed. 1st Team All-Florida honoree on defense after compiling 64 tackles, 18 tackles for loss and 8 sacks as a Senior. Snared 25 receptions for 359 yards and 5 TD's on offense in '04.

Prince Moody PS#212DB 5-11 190 Eastmoor Acad/Columbus, OH 4.4 speed. A two-time All-City perfomer who made 130 tackles and 9 sacks while rushing for 800 yds (11.4) with 16 TD's as a Sr. Sprinter on track team who ran a leg on an Ohio championship-winning relay team.

Nate Nurse PS#88OL 6-5 270 Ramsey Don Bosco HS/Teaneck, NJ 5.0 speed. Named 2nd Team All New-Jersey as a Senior grading out at 92% with 33 pancakes.

Aubrey Pleasant PS#164DB 6-0 205 Montrose HS/ Flint, MI 4.6 speed. 1st Team All-MI in both football and powerlifting. Rushed for 1,264 yds (7.7) and 18 TD's on offense and collected 113 tackles and 9 sacks on defense in 2004.

Jarmal Ruffin PS#67WR 6-4 200 Scotland School /Philly, PA 4.5 speed. 1st Team All-Pennsylvania recruit who had 99 tackles and 20 sacks on defense and 22 catches for 564 yards and 4 TD's on offense as a Senior.

LB O'Brien Schofield PS#82DL 6-3 220 N Chicago Community HS/Great Lakes, IL 4.5 speed. Honorable Mention All-Illinois performer who made 99 tackles and 11 sacks in '04

Matthew Shaughnessy PS#73DL 6-6 225 Norwich Free Acad/Norwich, CT 4.7 speed. Two-time All-Connecticut honoree whose prep stats are not kept by school.

Dustin Sherer PS#47QB 6-4 205 Arcadia Hamilton Hts HS/Cicero, IN 4.6 speed. Indiana Mr. Football finalist who threw for 2,468 yards (59%) and 30 TD's as a Sr.

Jeffrey Stehle PS#50TE 6-6 275 Moore HS/ Constantia, NY 4.9 speed. 2nd Team All-New York selection who racked up 62 tackles and 8 sacks on defense and caught 14 passes for 296 yards and 2 TD's as a TE in 2004.

Elijah (TJ) Theaus PS#161WR 6-2 185 Kempner HS/ Sugarland, TX 4.53 speed. 33" verticle jump. Named to *Houston Chronicle* Top 100 list. All-District performer who caught 41 passes for 629 yards and 4 TD's as a Senior.

Eric Vandenheuvel PS#57OL 6-7 340 Hudson HS/ Hudson, WI 5.0 speed. 1st Team All-Wisconsin selection as a Senior. Missed most of Junior season due to injury. Committed to Wisconsin in August '04 prior to Senior year.

NFL DRAFT

2005

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	18	Erasmus James	DE	Minnesota
3	87	Scott Starks	CB	Jacksonville
4	107	Dan Buenning	OG	Tampa Bay
5	148	Jonathan Welsh	DDE	Indianapolis
6	175	Anttaj Hawthorne	DT	Oakland
6	193	Jason Jefferson	DT	New Orleans
7	243	Anthony Davis	RB	Indianapolis

2004

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	13	Lee Evans	WR	Buffalo
5	140	Alex Lewis	LB	Detroit
6	193	Jim Sorgi	QB	Indianapolis

2003

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	38	Al Johnson	C	Dallas
6	178	BJ Tucker	DB	Dallas
6	200	Brooks Bollinger	QB	NY Jets
7	216	Ben Johnson	OT	Detroit

2002

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	12	Wendell Bryant	DT	Arizona
4	110	Mike Echols	CB	Tennessee
5	152	Nick Greisen	LB	NY Giants
6	201	Mark Anelli	TE	San Francisco

2001

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	26	Jamar Fletcher	CB	Miami
1	27	Michael Bennett	RB	Minnesota
2	52	Chris Chambers	WR	Miami
3	92	Casey Rabach	C	Baltimore
4	105	Bill Ferrario	OG	Green Bay
6	182	Roger Knight	LB	Pittsburgh
6	193	Jason Doering	FS	Indianapolis
7	230	Ross Kolodziej	DT	NY Giants

2000

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	11	Ron Dayne	RB	NY Giants
1	22	Chris McIntosh	OT	Seattle
4	124	Bobby Myers	FS	Tennessee
7	224	Mark Tauscher	OT	Green Bay

1999

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	27	Aaron Gibson	OT	Detroit
3	83	Tom Burke	DE	Arizona
6	172	Cecil Martin	FB	Philadelphia

1998

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	52	Tony Simmons	WR	New England
4	106	Donald Hayes	WR	Carolina

1997

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	37	Jerry Wunsch	OG	Tampa Bay
4	103	Pete Monty	LB	NY Giants
4	122	Tarek Saleh	LB	Carolina

1996

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
4	131	Eric Unverzagt	LB	Seattle
5	140	Jason Maniecki	DT	Tampa Bay

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES PAST HISTORIES

2004 OUTBACK BOWL GEORGIA 24 WISCONSIN 21

Both teams settled for FG's in the 1Q, 3-3. UW hit a 44 yd FG in the 2Q to lead 6-3. UGA QB David Greene threw a 19 yd TD pass to Fred Gibson to go ahead 10-6 at the half. With 9:16 left in the 3Q, Greene threw a 24 yd TD pass to Jeremy Thomas who caught the ball off a deflection, 17-6. UGA RB Thomas Brown got a 29 yd TD run, 24-6. UW QB Stocco threw a 19 yd TD pass to make it 24-13. UW's Andy Crooks returned an int 11 yds for a TD to make it interesting with 4:13 left in the game, 24-21. UGA was able to hold the ball for the final 4:13 and ran out the clock for their 3rd consecutive bowl win. UGA outgained Wisky 460-230 and had a 21-14 FD edge in the game.

2003 GAYLORD HOTELS MUSIC CITY BOWL AUBURN 28 WISCONSIN 14

The 1Q was scoreless. In the 2Q, Wisky drove to the Aub 10 yard line but was stopped and settled for a 20 yd FG. Aub came back with a TD drive in which RB Ronnie Brown contributed 43 yds on 6 carries and took it in for the 1 yd TD run, 7-3 Aub. UW hit a 35 yd FG, 7-6 at the half. Aub drove 80 yds in 16 plays for a TD w/1:32 left in the 3Q, 14-6. Aub got a lucky call on that drive as RB Williams fumbled near the goal line, but the officials called him down even though the replays looked like it truly was a fumble. UW drove for a 12 yd TD pass w/8:52 left in the game & added the 2 pt to tie it at 14. UW marched again but was int at the Aub 13. Aub drove 87 yds in 6 plays for a TD, 21-14 with 3:30 left. Aub sacked UW QB Sorgi and he fumbled. Aub rec'd the fumble on the UW 6 yd line and took it in for a TD two plays later for the final. Aub had a 197-58 yd edge on the ground.

2002 ALAMO BOWL WISCONSIN 31 COLORADO 28 (OT)

CU's Strickland int'd a Bollinger pass and ret'd it 91 yds for a TD and a 7-0 lead. Wisky picked off a pass by Hodge that set up a short 19 yd TD drive. CU got a 10 yd TD pass from Hodge to Hackett capping an 83 yd TD drive 14-7 after 1Q. Wisky would take a 21-14 lead at half with both TD's being short drives set up by int. Colvin replaced Hodge at QB for their 1H's final drive and the remainder of the game. CU won the TO battle in the 3Q as 2 Wisky fmbls set up short TD drives as a Brown 4 yd TD run and 11 yd TD pass from to Hackett gave them a 28-21 lead after 3Q. Neither team threatened until Wisky got the ball at its 20 w/2:25 left. They would go 80 yds to score the tying TD w/:51 left on a drive that included conversions on 4th & 10 and 4th & 18. Col missed a FG in OT but UW hit a 37 yd FG to beat the #14 ranked Buffaloes.

WELLS FARGO 2000 SUN BOWL WISCONSIN 21 UCLA 20

After a pregame scuffle, UW started the scoring with a Bollinger to Evans 54 yard TD pass. UCLA quickly answered with a Paus to Mitchell 64 yd connection as UW's Thorpe Award winning CB Fletcher allowed the 1st TD pass of his career. UCLA then added a 31 yd FG by Griffith in the 1Q, 10-7. A 2Q Foster 7 yd TD run made it 17-7 at the half with Foster having 100 1H yds. Unfortunately for UCLA, QB Paus was knocked out of 2H with a shoulder injury. UCLA did manage another Griffith FG however, and at that point UW began to rally when Michael Bennett returned the ensuing kickoff 54 yards. Bollinger drove the squad down the field eventually finding WR Chambers for a 3 yd TD rec to cut it to 20-14. UCLA drove down the field before setting up for a FG. They ran a fake, however, which was stopped on 4th down at the UW 30. UW drove right down the field for the game winning TD which Bennett scored on a 6 yd run. The UW D stiffened not allowing UCLA to mount a drive in their final 3 poss. UW's win gave them 3 post season victories over UCLA S/'94.

1999 ROSE BOWL WISCONSIN 17 STANFORD 9

After a scoreless 1Q Stanford drove 87 yards on the strength of 4 straight completions to set up a Biselli 28 yd FG. UW answered driving 71 yds for a 31 yd FG by Pisetsky. A 19 yd reception and a couple of Badger defensive penalties set up a 45 yd TD drive by the Cardinal, 9-3 (xpng) at the half. Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne, who was held to just 46 yds in the 1H, surpassed that total on the 2nd play of the 3Q with a 64 yd run which set up his own TD 2 plays later, 10-9. The UW defense, who held the Cardinal to a Rose Bowl record -5 yds rushing, dominated the 2H. In the 4Q the Badgers added an insurance TD when they drove 40 yards with Bollinger finding TE Sigmund for a 7 yard reception on 4th and 2 at the Stanford 32 with 8:48 left. A 22 yd reception by Sigmund set up the Badgers at the Cardinal 3 where a Bollinger sneak eventually hit pay dirt. The UW defense did the final dirty work sacking Stanford QB Todd Husak on 4th down with just over a minute left. Dayne closed his career with 200 yds and became the first player to earn back-to-back Rose Bowl MVP honors since USC's Charles White in '79-80.

WISCONSIN DRAFT FACTS:

In the last 10 years Wisconsin has had 40 players selected in the NFL draft, 14 from 1996-200 and 26 in the last 5 years. Of the 40, eight have been 1st round picks, four 2nd round picks and three in the 3rd round. Here are some surprising numbers: the Badgers have the same amount of QB's drafted as Purdue (2). This is a school known for its running game, yet the Badgers have had only four RB's selected the last 10 years but FIVE WR/ TE. They have had 9 offensive linemen selected. How many times have you seen an entire starting defensive line drafted, as is the case with Wisconsin this year? One foreboding note for the upcoming year is that in 2001 they had 9 players selected in NFL draft and that season finished just 5-7, which was a rare losing year for Alvarez. The 7 players selected in this year's draft are the 2nd highest amount lost.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2005

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 Asad Abdul-Khaliq had a fine senior season finishing #5 in the NCAA in pass efficiency throwing for 2,401 yards (63.2%) with a super 17-5 ratio while rushing for 447 gross yards. Bryan Cupito (PS#76) who is a strong armed pocket passer, had just one pass attempt as a rFr. Last year he beat out JC Adam Ernst, who was in for the spring, along with true frosh John Carlson (PS#48). Cupito opened the season strongly, but completed just 44% in Big 10 play despite teams stacking 8 men in the box to stuff the run. Cupito was the only full-time Big 10 starter to complete less than 50% as he threw for 2,097 yards (47%) but had a 14-7 ratio while rushing for 110 yards. As Cupito struggled during the season, it was a mystery why Mason did not go to backup Ernst, but it was revealed after the bowl game that he had a shoulder injury and it was difficult for him to throw the football. That explained his appearances in the Colo St game and the bowl in which he did not attempt a pass. Ernst was forced to give up football and Carlson has moved to DB. This year's backups are rFr Tony Mortensen (PS#79), Mike Maciejowski (PS#69), Andre Sloan El (6-2 185 rFr, PS#181DB), and true frosh Marcel Jones (PS#36). I expect much better production from the Gopher QB's this year.

RB Laurence Maroney

RUNNING BACKS - Despite the Gophers being loaded with veteran RB's heading into 2003, true frosh Laurence Maroney, caught the eye of the coaches and actually beat out leading returnee Terry Jackson (1,317 yards in '02) for the starting spot. Maroney and Marion Barber III became just the 30th duo of RB's to top 1,000 yards in a single season for the same team. Last year they had to replace super blocking FB Thomas Tapeh (#5DC) and Jackson but the Maroney/Barber duo became the first ever in NCAA history to each top 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons as Maroney finished with 1,348 (6.2) and Barber 1,269 (5.5). Barber was the Off Bowl MVP and opted to leave early for the NFL draft (11 st, #4DC DAL). Also gone is FB Brandon Hagen (10 plays). FB Justin Valentine (PS#75) may also figure into the TB mix. Others who may contribute are Amir Pinnix (PS#66) who had 137 yards rushing (5.3), Gary Russell (4.32 spd, 144 yds) and of course since Maroney played as a true frosh, Jay Thomas (PS#167) could contribute immediately. Not listed in the depth chart are FB's Jason Lamers (6-0 240 Jr, 82 plays), Jeremy Faue (5-11 215 So, 3 gm) and TB Ben Hanson (5-10 190 rFr). It will be interesting to see if Maroney, who figures to get the bulk of the carries, can still average 6.2 ypc. With the loss of Barber, it will be tough for Minny to match last year's outstanding 256.8 ypg and 5.4 ypc, but this still remains one of the top RB units in the country.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Gophers had to replace 3 of their top 4 receivers but did have their #1 man, Jared Ellerson, who averaged 20.7 on 44 rec's returning. They signed Paris Hamilton in 2003 who was labeled as "a fast Ron Johnson" with 4.37 speed. He was injured in 2003 and not 100% last year having only 4 rec's but an incredible 49.5 ypc. Ellerson again led the team in receptions but saw his numbers drop to 37 (14.1). Good-sized Ernie Wheelwright (6-5 210 So) made some spectacular catches and averaged 21.8 on his 30 rec's. This year the only loss from the group is Hamilton. TE Sam Scroggins (6-5 245 rFr) and this year's true frosh are also in the mix. This unit is a lot more experienced than 2004.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Gophers have received excellent O-line play under Glen Mason. In 2003 the unit paved the way for 289 ypg rushing (5.5) while allowing just 16 sacks but did have a mobile QB. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and three backups who combined for 358 plays. Mason said of the veteran unit, "this is the best OL I have been involved with in all of my years of coaching". The Gophers, much like the Denver Broncos, use cut-blocking which does weigh heavily on the minds of opposing DL. The O-line was powerful again (5.4 ypc rush) allowing a minuscule 9 sacks and 3 OL's earned 1st Tm Big 10 honors. This year they must replace LT Rian Melander (12 st, 1st Tm Big 10, 839 plays, 2 yr st'r), RG Brandon Harston (11 st, 708 plays) and G Brian Goblirsch (37 plays). True frosh have started on the UM line, so keep an eye on this year's newcomers. The entire projected starting lineup has starting experience and includes two 1st Tm Big 10 honorees. While this unit is not quite as experienced as 2004, Mason, who was an OL coach for Woody Hayes, once again has one of the Big 10's best O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Minny's rush D was woeful prior to Mason's arrival, but has made great strides. In 2003 all four starters returned and they allowed just 3.5 ypc rushing with the D recording 26 sacks. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 16 starts so they basically had 3 starters back. The Gophers allowed 3.7 ypc rushing while compiling 24 sacks. The lone VHT of the group, Keith Lipka did not start until the last two games and should have a fine senior season. DT's Mark Losli and Anthony Montgomery are solid and the other DE, Eric Clark, has 8 career starts and is the fastest DL. Not listed in the is Chris Holden (5-11 225 Jr), Todd Meisel (6-4 255 So), William VanDeSteeg (6-4 235 rFr), John Scroggins (6-5 230 So), Brian Moss (6-6 285 Jr, PS#120) and William Brody (6-5 230 rFr). They must replace DE Darrell Reid (12 st, 52 tkl, 7.5 sk, 10 tfl, 2nd Tm B10) and DE Mario Reese (6 st) who moves to LB. This is a deep and experienced defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - The Gophers had to replace one starter last year but had 5 of their top 6 returning including VHT Dominique Sims (PS#5). This year the unit will go through some major changes. Terrance Campbell, at 205 lbs, was the smallest starting LB in the Big 10 and moves to SS. Last year's leading tackler, MLB Kyle McKenzie (6-1 235 Sr), has been moved outside and may lose his starting spot. RFr John Shelvin was impressive at OLB and started the bowl and they move in DE Mario Reese (6 st, 4.7 spd). They also add rFr Leland Jones (PS#111, 4.56 spd) who almost played as a true frosh and VHT true frosh Alex Daniels (PS#34). They must replace Sims (11 st, 74 tkl, 10 tfl), SLB Brian Smith (1 st, 20 tkl) and Campbell. Not listed in the 3 deep are Johnny Sampy (6-2 215 rFr), Junior Eugene (6-1 230 Sr), Deon Hightower (6-3 195 rFr) and Tommy Leavitt (6-3 215 rFr, PS#52TE). While a little less experienced, this year's starting LB's are bigger and more athletic.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UM had 7 of their top 8 DB's back in 2003 and finished #57 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace two starters including their #1 tackler and Team Def MVP but did have six of the top eight back including both starting CB's. CB Ukee Dozier became the Gophers' career pbu leader and took home 1st Tm Big 10 honors (11 st, 3 int, 15 pbu). The unit was banged up however as not a one DB started all 12 games. Minny slipped to #78 allowing 266 ypg (60.1%). This year they must replace CB Dozier, SS Justin Fraley (10 st, 71 tkl, 4 pbu, 825 plays), CB Mike Wojciechowski (1 st, 15 tkl, 230 plays) and FS Johnathan Richmond (1 st, 12 tkl, 219 plays). They move in LB Terrance Campbell to SS and six players return with starting experience. Also added are true frosh Dominic Jones (PS#44) and former QB John Carlson (6-2 215 rFr, PS#48). Not listed in the 3 deep is Seth Thompson (6-0 190 So) who was the Scout Tm Def POY in 2004. This unit is more experienced than last year and so should move up in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Glen Mason has always had his teams in the upper half of my special teams ratings dating back to his time at Kansas. In 1999 and 2000 the Gophers finished #5 and #17. They had to replace their excellent K and P duo in 2003. Rhys Lloyd took over both of those duties as well as KO's and UM was #69. Last year Lloyd struggled connecting on 12 of 18 FG's with a long of 46 but two of his misses were from 50+. He also averaged 39.8 on his punts (36.9 net). He had 18 TB's on 71 KO's. Mason did sign two true frosh kickers last year (see 2 deep) to take over the K & P jobs. Marion Barber III was the top KR (20.6) but his PR average dropped from 14.5 in 2003 to 5.8. Surprisingly the Gophers blocked six punts in 2002 but have not blocked a punt the last two years. Minny finished just #76 and with all of the key components gone, it may be tough to move up much.

COACHES - The Gophers had been in just three bowls the 21 years prior to Mason's arrival but have now been in 5 bowls in the last 6 years under his tutelage. The last couple of years he had co-OC's in Tony Petersen and Mitch Browning but Browning will be in his first year as the sole OC. DC David Lockwood, who was the DB coach, took over as the interim DC for last year's bowl after Greg Hudson resigned in December.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Gophers went to bowl games in 1999 and 2000 but I called for them to finish last in the Big 10 in 2001 and they did just that. That was an inexperienced team with just 3 returning starters on defense. In 2002 they were more experienced and I said they could get off to a 5-2 or 6-1 start due to a soft non-conf schedule, but that they would struggle in the 2H of the season. The Gophers started the year at 7-1 which was their best start since 1967 and were #19 in the coaches poll. They lost their final four Big 10 games by a combined 169-79 but did upset Arkansas in the Music City Bowl, Minny's first bowl win in 17 years. Mason called 2003's squad the strongest and fastest edition he had ever coached. UM had not topped 8 wins under Mason, but I called for them to top that total as they avoided both Ohio St and Purdue in league play. Minnesota responded by winning 10 games for the first time since 1905 and their offense set numerous records and finished #4 in the NCAA in total offense with 494 ypg. The Gophers outgained Big 10 foes by 138 ypg, just 1.1 ypg less than league champ Michigan. They opened the season 6-0 for the first time since 1941, but suffered a tough loss at home vs Michigan blowing a big lead and the chance at their first Big 10 title since 1967. They were in a flat spot the next week and lost to Mich St and also to Iowa despite a 29-15 FD edge or they would have been a NY Day bowl team. They finished 10-3 including a bowl win over Oregon. Last year they again avoided Purdue and OSU on the schedule and Mason spoke of being a serious player in the Big 10 title chase. They opened 5-0 before another tough loss to Michigan. They then suffered a Maize and Blue hangover again the next week getting trounced by Mich St. They ended up dropping 5 of their final 6 before rebounding with a bowl win over Alabama to finish 7-5. This year you'd expect improvement since they have 16 returning starters and now have an experienced QB. While the non-conf schedule is soft once again, they unfortunately have to play both Purdue and OSU and do not get to play Illinois and Northwestern. This gives them the toughest conference schedule of any Big 10 team. While this team is stronger, they will not be able to top last year's 7 win total and may struggle to make it to a bowl game.

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

Minneapolis, Minnesota
HHH Metrodome

GLEN MASON (Career 110-109-1)
9th Year at Minnesota
Mason's SU Bowl Record: 5-2

2004 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 35 (18,16,1)
Lost: 13 (5,7,1)

2004 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 47,573

	HC	OC	DC
2004	Glen Mason	Mitch Browning	Greg Hudson
2003	Glen Mason	Mitch Browning	Greg Hudson
2002	Glen Mason	Mitch Browning	Moe Ankney
2001	Glen Mason	Mitch Browning	Moe Ankney
2000	Glen Mason	Steve Loney	David Gibbs
1999	Glen Mason	Steve Loney	David Gibbs
1998	Glen Mason	Steve Loney	David Gibbs
1997	Glen Mason	Elliot Uzelac	David Gibbs

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2005 Schedule Difficulty-#19

Date	Opponent	TURF	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp
Sep. 1	at Tulsa (Thur)	A		
Sep. 10	Colorado St	A		
Sep. 17	Florida Atlantic	A		
Sep. 24	Purdue	A		
Oct. 1	at Penn St	G		
Oct. 8	at Michigan	A		
Oct. 15	Wisconsin	A		
Oct. 22				
Oct. 29	Ohio St (HC)	A		
Nov. 5	at Indiana	A		
Nov. 12	Michigan St	A		
Nov. 19	at Iowa	G		
Nov. 26				

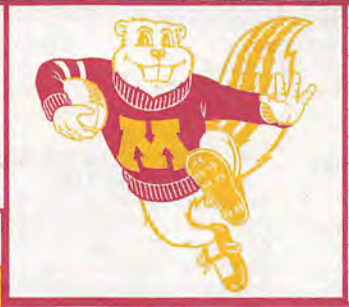
TE Matt Spaeth

LAST 7 YEARS BIG 10 RANKINGS

	Big 10 Record	Finished	Total OFF	Total DEF	Avg Score in Big 10 Play
2004	3-5	#8	399	398	25.9-24.9
2003	5-3	#4	509	371	35.6-25.5
2002	3-5	#7	370	425	24.8-32.0
2001	2-6	#10	406	454	23.9-29.6
2000	4-4	#5	423	393	30.9-29.8
1999	5-3	#4	415	366	28.1-19.8
1998	2-6	#7	308	370	19.6-26.8

TOP 5 CAREER RECORD LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
1. Cory Sauter 6,834	1. Darrell Thompson 4,654	1. Ron Johnson 2,989
2. Asad Abdul-Khaliq 6,660	2. Thomas Hamner 3,810	2. Tutu Atwell 2,640
3. Marquel Fleetwood 5,279	3. Chris Darkins 3,235	3. Ryan Thelwell 2,232
4. Rickey Foggie 5,162	4. Marion Barber 3,094	4. Luke Leverson 1,843
5. Mike Hohensee 4,792	5. Tellis Redmon 2,481	5. Omar Douglas 1,681



LAST 10 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	OPPONENT	SCORE
60	Rose	Washington	7-17
61	Rose	UCLA	21-3
77	Hall of Fame	Maryland	7-17
85	Independence	Clemson	20-13
86	Liberty	Tennessee	14-21
99	Sun	Oregon	20-24
00	MicronPC	NC State	30-38
02	Music City	Arkansas	29-14
03	Sun	Oregon	31-30
04	Music City	Alabama	20-16

Minnesota's All-Time SU Bowl Record 5-5

Last 6 Big 10 Titles
1967 1940
1960 1938
1941 1937

AP/Cch/UPI Nat'l Champs
1960 1936
1941 1935
1940 1934

STADIUM: HHH METRODOME (64,172)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	10 Yr Total
Record	3-8	4-7	3-9	5-6	8-3	6-5	4-7	7-5	9-3	6-5	55-58
Home	3-3	3-3	2-4	4-2	4-3	4-2	4-2	5-2	5-2	5-1	39-24
Away	0-5	1-4	1-5	1-4	4-0	2-3	0-5	2-3	4-1	1-4	16-34

MINNESOTA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 10 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	30.1	20	257	5.4	182	47.6	14.6	+7	2004	7	22.8	21	131	3.7	266	60.1	17.4
7*	38.7	25	289	5.5	205	61.3	12.8	-1	2003	9	21.9	20	123	3.5	218	59.0	15.5
5*	28.9	21	210	4.7	183	52.3	13.6	0	2002	8	24.5	19	177	4.3	179	55.3	14.5
7*	28.0	21	217	5.1	205	54.7	15.1	+2	2001	3	27.2	23	202	4.6	223	59.1	15.6
5	31.3	21	197	4.4	232	57.4	13.7	+2	2000	8	26.5	20	166	4.1	203	52.3	13.9
11*	30.7	19	226	4.9	183	52.7	13.4	-2	1999	7	16.3	18	141	3.4	179	46.7	19.6
7	20.8	17	141	3.6	171	45.9	15.0	-1	1998	7	22.6	19	104	2.6	245	54.3	15.4
7*	19.8	14	131	3.1	158	53.4	14.5	-1	1997	6	27.8	18	134	3.3	234	56.4	13.2
4*	21.5	19	104	3.1	234	56.5	15.8	-5	1996	9	30.9	20	247	4.9	163	57.2	13.2
5	24.7	21	137	3.8	260	57.8	16.1	-5	1995	6	33.5	21	209	5.1	234	59.2	13.2

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Laurence Maroney	217	1413	65	1348	12	6.2
Marion Barber III	231	1344	75	1269	11	5.5
Gary Russell	24	144	0	144	0	6.0
Amir Pinnix	26	137	0	137	2	5.3
Jared Ellerson	10	74	6	68	0	6.8
Bryan Cupito	29	110	68	42	0	1.4
Justin Valentine	19	57	0	57	4	3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bryan Cupito	261	123	47.1	2097	14	7
Marion Barber III	6	3	50.0	44	2	2
Adam Ernst	1	1	100	10	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ernie Wheelwright	30	654	21.8	7	80
Jared Ellerson	37	521	14.1	3	47
Jakari Wallace	20	341	17.0	0	45
Matt Spaeth	24	298	12.4	4	47
Paris Hamilton	4	198	49.5	2	82
Justin Valentine	4	64	16.0	1	34
Jarod Posthumus	2	57	28.5	0	52
Marion Barber III	3	27	9.0	0	23
Laurence Maroney	3	16	5.3	0	6

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Rhys Lloyd	56	2231	39.8	5	36.9	0	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Rhys Lloyd	43-47	7-7	4-5	1-4	0-2	12-18	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kyle McKenzie	79	2.5	5	3	0
Terrance Campbell	77	1	7	4	1
Dominique Sims	74	2	8	1	0
Justin Fraley	71	0	1	4	1
John Pawielski	70	0	2	2	1
Darrell Reid	52	7.5	10	1	0
Ukee Dozier	49	0	1	15	3
Anthony Montgomery	48	3	6	1	1
Trumaine Banks	45	0	1	9	2
Mark Losli	30	3	2	0	0
Brandon Owens	28	0	1	1	1
Quentin White	27	0	1	3	1
Mario Reese	26	2	2	1	0
Jamal Harris	20	0	0	1	1
Brian Smith	20	0	1	0	0
Mike Wojciechowski	15	0	1	1	0
Eric Clark	15	2	1	1	0
John Shevlin	14	0	0	0	0
Johnathan Richmond	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marion Barber III	19	110	5.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marion Barber III	10	206	20.6	0
Laurence Maroney	8	158	19.8	0
Gary Russell	7	120	17.1	0

2004 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Toledo	31	68-415	6.1	11-13	289	0	16	21-94	4.5	24-38	312	0	+1
Illinois St	23	42-303	7.2	11-23	206	1	26	30-108	3.6	33-59	372	4	+1
at Colorado St	27	52-360	6.9	12-21	144	0	24	35-126	3.6	25-41	298	2	+4
Northwestern	22	52-251	4.8	14-23	203	0	13	27-140	5.2	14-28	127	0	+1
Penn St	18	56-288	5.1	8-18	113	1	16	22-21	1.0	24-48	250	2	+1
at Michigan	13	39-189	4.8	8-22	156	2	29	45-190	4.2	33-49	328	1	+3
at Michigan St	16	29-102	3.5	11-33	211	3	31	52-324	6.2	21-32	312	0	+1
Illinois	23	49-319	6.5	11-22	268	0	17	33-72	2.2	19-29	159	4	+2
at Indiana	16	41-169	4.1	11-30	182	0	23	51-238	4.7	13-26	161	1	-1
at Wisconsin	13	18-73	4.1	17-34	258	1	28	60-228	3.8	19-26	297	3	-1
Iowa	20	54-337	6.2	9-17	73	1	18	27-6	0.2	24-39	333	4	-4
† Alabama	23	72-276	3.8	5-13	75	0	13	21-21	1.0	22-36	243	3	-1
TOTALS	245	572-3082	5.4	128-269	2178	9	254	424-1568	3.7	271-451	3192	24	+7
AVERAGES	20.4	48-257	5.4	11-22	182	0.8	21.2	35-131	3.7	23-38	266	2.0	0.6

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Ohio	33-7 W
UL Monroe	35-0 W
Illinois St	55-7 W
at Northwestern	33-14 W
Wisconsin	17-20 L
at Illinois	37-7 W
Ohio St	17-20 L
Purdue	28-33 L
at Penn St	24-23 W
Indiana	44-20 W
at Iowa	25-21 W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
UL Monroe	47-10 W
Ohio	17-23 L
at Baylor	34-9 W
at Purdue	24-38 L
Illinois	44-10 W
Penn St	25-16 W
at Ohio St	29-17 W
at Indiana	43-51 L
Northwestern	35-41 L
at Wisconsin	20-41 L
Iowa	27-24 W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at Toledo	7-38 L
Louisiana-Lft	44-14 W
Purdue	OT 28-35 L
at Illinois	14-25 L
at Northwestern	17-23 L
Michigan St	28-19 W
Murray St	66-10 W
Ohio St	28-31 L
at Michigan	10-31 L
at Iowa	24-42 L
Wisconsin	42-31 W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
SW Texas St	42-0 W
at Louisiana-Lft	35-11 W
Toledo	31-21 W
Buffalo	41-17 W
at Purdue	15-28 L
Illinois	31-10 W
Northwestern	45-42 W
at Michigan St	28-7 W
at Ohio St	3-34 L
Michigan	24-41 L
Iowa	21-45 L
at Wisconsin	31-49 L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Tulsa	49-10 W
Troy	48-7 W
at Ohio	42-20 W
Louisiana-Lft	48-14 W
at Penn St	20-14 W
at Northwestern	42-17 W
Michigan	35-38 L
Michigan St	38-44 L
at Illinois	36-10 W
Indiana	55-7 W
Wisconsin	37-34 W
at Iowa	22-40 L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Toledo	63-21 W
Illinois St	37-21 W
at Colorado St	34-16 W
Northwestern	43-17 W
Penn St	16-7 W
at Michigan	24-27 L
at Michigan St	17-51 L
Illinois	45-0 W
at Indiana	21-30 L
at Wisconsin	14-38 L
Iowa	27-29 L

QB Bryan Cupito

MINNESOTA 2005 DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR
#83 JARED ELLERSON SR.
6-1 200 **PS#177**
11 sts, 670 plays, 37 rec (14.1), 68 rush yds LY. HM Big 10, 11 sts, 678 plays, 44 rec (20.7), 147 rush yds in '03. 13 gms, 1 st, 9 rec (12.6) as rFr.
#7 JAKARI WALLACE SR.
5-8 170 **PS#271**
4 sts, 12 gms, 402 plays, 20 rec (17.0) LY. 9 gms, 160 plays, 3 rec (14.7), 29 rush yds in '03. DNP '02 due to torn ACL.

RB
#22 LAURENCE MARONEY JR.
5-11 205 **PS#42**
4.4 speed. 1st tm Big 10, 12 gms, 2 sts, 1348 yds (6.2), 12 TD LY. 2 sts, 13 gms, 1121 yds (6.9), 10 TD as true. NCAA's 1st duo with back-to-back 1000 yd seasons.
#29 AMIR PINNIX SO.
6-0 195 **PS#66DB**
12 gms, 178 plays, 137 yds (5.3) as rFr. Tried at CB in bowl practices.

FB
#18 JUSTIN VALENTINE SO.
6-2 215 **PS#75**
1 st, 12 gms, 310 plays, 121 total yds, 5 TD as rFr. Moved from TB to FB in '03 bowl practices.
#24 GARY RUSSELL SO.
5-11 195 **PS#119**
8 gms, 75 plays, 144 rush yds, 7 KR (17.1) as true.

K
#31 JASON GIANNINI rFR.
5-10 180 **PS#47**
Competing with Monroe for starting job, Hit 12 of 17, long of 49, 37 of 46 KO's into EZ as HS Sr.
#15 JOEL MONROE rFR.
6-0 180
Hit FG's from 48 & 43 yds in spring game. Gave up $6,000 academic scholarship to walk-on. All MN as HS Sr.

QB
#3 BRYAN CUPITO JR.
6-1 195 **PS#76**
12 sts, 856 plays, 2097 yds (47%), 14-7 ratio, 110 gross rush yds LY. Only Big 10 QB to hit less than 50%. 13 gms, 104 plays as #3 QB/holder as rFr.
#17 TONY MORTENSEN rFR.
6-3 200 **PS#79**
Strong arm with 4.55 speed. 2 gms, 16 plays as true but still RS.

WR
#82 ERNIE WHEELWRIGHT SO.
6-5 210 **PS#175**
HM Big 10, 10 sts, 652 plays, 30 rec (21.8), 7 TD, #1 Big 10 ypc LY. UM frosh records in recv yds & recv TD's.
#88 MICAH RUCKER SO.
6-6 210 **PS#85**
6 gms, 34 plays as rFr.

TE
#89 MATT SPAETH JR.
6-6 270 **PS#48**
HM Big 10, 12 sts, #1 on offense with 943 plays, 24 rec (12.4), 4 TD LY. 10 sts, 12 gms, 908 plays, 12 rec (8.2) as rFr.
#81 JAROD POSTHUMUS SR.
6-4 255 **PS#50**
9 sts at TE, 12 gms, 576 plays, 2 rec (28.5) LY. 13 gms, 408 plays, 2 rec (10.5) in '03.

RT
#78 JOE AINSLIE JR.
6-7 300 **PS#117**
11 sts at RT, 806 plays LY. 6 sts at RT, 597 plays as rFr.
#NA RYAN RUCKDASHEL FR.
6-6 255 **PS#83**
All MN, 95% blocker, 7 pancakes/gm as HS Sr.

RG
#60 MIKE NICHOLSON SR.
6-5 285 **PS#135**
1 st at RG, 7 gms, 233 plays, 2nd string LY. 7 sts at RT, 479 plays in '03. 12 gms, 138 plays as rFr. 3 L's.
#69 JOHN JAKEL SO.
6-5 280 **PS#477**
Didn't letter as backup OL as rFr. All WI in HS.

C
#61 GREG ESLINGER SR.
6-3 285 **PS#187**
1st tm AA, Big 10, 12 sts, 944 plays LY. 1st tm Big 10, 3rd tm AA, 13 sts, 993 plays in '03. 13 sts, 927 plays as true.
#56 TYSON SWAGGERT JR.
6-4 285 **PS#100DL**
11 gms, 88 plays, 2nd string LY. Moved from DL as true.

LG
#68 MARK SETTERSTROM SR.
6-3 295 **PS#130**
1st tm Big 10, 12 sts , 908 plays LY. HM Big 10, 13 sts, #1 on team with 1073 plays in '03. 13 sts, 925 plays as true.
#79 MATT DEGEEST rFR.
6-5 250 **PS#270**
Moved from TE/DE to OL in RS season.

LT
#77 TONY BRINKHAUS SO.
6-4 295 **PS#110DL**
Moved from RT to LT in spring. 1 st at RT, 11 gms, 194 plays, 2nd string as rFr.
#64 STEVE SHIDELL SO.
6-5 285 **PS#125DL**
+25 lbs, 3 gms, 35 plays, 2nd string as rFr.

DEFENSE

DE
#99 KEITH LIPKA SR.
6-3 260 **PS#41**
3 sts (2 at DT, 1 at DE), 9 gms, 213 plays, 7 tkls, 1 sk, moved to DE for bowl LY. 1 st, 7 tkls, 2 tfl in '03. 32 tfl at JC in '02.
#94 MAURICE BUCHANAN JR.
6-3 255 **PS#99DL**
2 tkls, 3 gms in '03. Moved from DT to DE in '02 bowl practices.

DT
#97 MARK LOSLI SR.
6-6 290 **PS#99DL**
10 sts at DT, 12 gms, 683 plays, 30 tkls, 5 tfl LY. 13 sts at DE, 726 plays, 33 tkls, 11 tfl, in '03. 10 sts at DE, 37 tkls, 7 tfl as rFr.
#93 NHEMIE THEODORE rFR.
6-3 275 **PS#141OL**
Sat out LY with RS. 30 sks, 41 tfl in HS career.

DT
#95 ANTHONY MONTGOMERY SR.
6-5 305 **PS#33TE**
12 sts, 831 plays, 48 tkls, 9 tfl LY. 7 sts, 13 gms, 533 plays, 34 tkls, 8 tfl in '03. 1 st, 9 gms, 304 plays, 14 tkls, 2 tfl as true.
#98 NEEL ALLEN SO.
6-3 285 **PS#156OL**
5 gms, 51 plays, 2 tkls as rFr. RS'd '03 after sitting out '02 to qualify.

DE
#90 ERIC CLARK JR.
6-4 265 **PS#232**
Most athletic DL. 5 sts at DE, 11 gms, 442 plays, 15 tkls, 3 tfl LY. 3 sts at DE, 12 gms, 485 plays, 13 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. Scout tm Def POY as true.
#40 PAT MCCARTHY JR.
6-0 240 **PS#205LB**
Given 1 yr scholarship, 10 gms, 76 plays, 1 tkl LY. 13 gms, 131 plays, 11 tkls as rFr walk-on LB.

CB
#4 TRUMAINE BANKS JR.
5-10 185 **PS#125**
9 sts, 10 gms, 722 plays, 45 tkls, 9 pbu, 2 int LY. 12 sts, 922 plays, 56 tkls, 7 pbu, 1 int as rFr.
#NA DOMINIC JONES FR.
5-9 180 **PS#44**
OH Div II Def POY, 9 int on OH champs. 14.2 avg on PR's, 30.3 on KR's with 10 career TD's.

WLB
#46 JOHN SHEVLIN SO.
6-1 220 **PS#130DB**
10 gms, 1 st (in bowl), 173 plays, 14 tkls, team's Sp Tms POY as rFr. Scout tm Def MVP as true.
#NA ALEX DANIELS FR.
6-3 230 **PS#34**
UM's top recruit this year! 100 tkls, 5 sks LY on OH champs! 4.59 speed. 38" vert.

SLB
#50 LELAND JONES rFR.
6-2 215 **PS#111**
4.56 speed. Arrived as S but quickly moved to LB.
#52 KYLE MCKENZIE SR.
6-1 235 **PS#550**
11 sts at SLB, 779 plays, 79 tkls, 7.5 tfl LY. 12 sts, 738 plays, 61 tkls, 6 tfl, 3 pbu in '03. 2 sts, 13 gms, 360 plays, 17 tkls as rFr.

DLB
#48 MARIO REESE JR.
6-3 230 **PS#289WR**
Tm's best 38" vert. 6 sts at DE, 12 gms, 483 plays, 26 tkls, 4 tfl LY. 1 st at DE, 10 gms, 183 plays, 16 tkls as rFr.
#57 PATRICK CHENEY SO.
6-1 220 **PS#677**
5 gms, 24 plays, 2 tkls as rFr. RS'd as invited walk-on.

CB
#20 BRANDON OWENS JR.
6-2 210 **PS#77**
4.5 speed. 12 gms, 1 st at LB, 290 plays, moved to CB for bowl LY. 9 gms, 3 tkls as true.
#15 JAMAL HARRIS SO.
6-0 180 **PS#600**
4 sts, 12 gms, 331 plays, 20 tkls, 1 int LY. Late signee in '03.

FS
#34 JOHN PAWIELSKI SR.
5-11 200
10 sts (inj), 749 plays, 70 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 pbu, 1 int LY. 1 st, 13 gms, 404 plays, 31 tkls, awarded scholarship in '03. 13 gms, 177 plays, 8 tkls as true.
#6 QUENTIN WHITE SR.
6-0 200 **PS#164**
3 sts (2 at SS, 1 at FS), 11 gms, 351 plays, 27 tkls, 3 pbu, 1 int LY. 10 gms, 192 plays, 6 tkls in '03. 13 gms, 179 plays, 11 tkls as true.

P
#41 JUSTIN KUCEK rFR.
6-0 180 **PS#53**
42.3 avg, long of 56 as HS Sr. 44 avg as Jr. Black belt in karate.

SS
#32 TERRANCE CAMPBELL SR.
6-2 205 **PS#364**
Moved from WLB to SS prior to '04 bowl.10 sts, 12 gms, 841 plays, 77 tkls, 8 tfl, 4 pbu LY as Big 10's smallest starting LB. 12 sts at LB, 750 plays, 87 tkls, 9 tfl in '03. 6 sts, 67 tkls, 7 tfl as rFr.
#23 DOMINIQUE BARBER SO.
6-0 180 **PS#84RB**
9 gms, 104 plays, 4 tkls, 1 pbu as true. Brother of Marion.

DT Anthony Montgomery

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MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Offensive Coor/OT/TE: Mitch Browning, 9th yr
After sharing the OC job since '00, Browning has the sole responsibility for the offense this year. He previously served under Mason as Minnesota's TE coach from '97-99, in several positions at Kansas from '88-96 and at Kent St from '83-87.

Pass game coor/QB: Tony Petersen, 7th year
Co-OC with Browning from '00-04. This season Peterson will concentrate on the QB's like he did here in '99. Previously Petersen spent 8 seasons at Marshall including as the OC/QB coach in '98 where he tutored Chad Pennington.

Running Backs: Vic Adamle, 9th year
Adamle has served as an assistant under Mason since 1985 at Kent St. He has been the RB coach here since '99 after coaching the WR's his first 2 seasons in Minneapolis.

Wide Receivers: Luke Tressel, 1st year
The nephew of Ohio St HC Jim Tressel, he served as UM's assistant strength and conditioning coach in '04. Tressel previously had been a grad assistant here in '02-03.

OG/C: Gordon Shaw, 13th season
The senior member of the staff began coaching the OL in '01. Shaw previously served as the DL coach here from '97-00 and the OL coach under Jim Wacker from '93-96. He was Joe Tiller's OL coach at Wyoming from '90-92 and the DC at Idaho in '89.

DEFENSE

Defensive Coor/DB: David Lockwood, 4th year
Successful debut as the interim DC in the Music City Bowl holding Alabama to 13 FD's and 264 yds. Lockwood has been the DB coach here since '02 after working as ND's CB coach in '01. His previous stops coaching the secondary include West Virginia, Wyoming and Memphis.

Defensive Line: Carey Bailey, 1st year
Hired in February '05, Bailey spent the '04 season as the DL coach at Oklahoma St. He also has been the DL guru at Middle Tenn in '03 and at Louisiana Lafayette from '98-02.

Assistant HC/OLB: Moe Ankney, 5th year
The coaching veteran has been the jack of all trades for Mason serving as the DE coach LY and the DC/DB coach in '01-02. He has been the DC at Missouri ('94-00), Purdue ('91-93), Arizona ('80-85) and Tulane ('76-79). He also was Bowling Green's head coach from '86-90 with a 20-31-3 career record.

Defensive Backs: Kerry Cooks, 1st year
A former All Big 10 safety at rival Iowa, Cooks spent last fall as the DB/special teams coach at Div IAA Western Illinois. He spent '03 as a grad assistant at Big 12 champion Kansas St.

Strength: Dwayne Chandler, 5th year
Chandler begins his 2nd full season as the head of strength and conditioning at Minnesota. His previous experience includes internships with the Dallas Cowboys and Oklahoma.

C Greg Eslinger

GAME BY GAME TEAM STATS

VERSUS	TOLEDO	ILL ST	COLO ST	N'WSTRN	PENN ST	MICH	MICH ST	ILLINOIS	IND	WISC	IOWA	BOWL	TOTALS
SCORE	63	37	34	43	16	24	17	45	21	14	27	20	361
FD's	31	23	27	22	18	13	16	23	16	13	20	23	245
TOTAL YARDS	704	509	504	454	401	345	313	587	351	331	410	351	5260
RUSH YARDS	68-415	42-303	52-360	52-251	56-288	39-189	29-102	49-319	41-169	18-73	54-337	72-276	572-3082
PASS YARDS	289	206	144	203	113	156	211	268	182	258	73	75	2178
COM-ATT	11-13	11-23	12-21	14-23	8-18	8-22	11-33	11-22	11-30	17-34	9-17	5-13	128-269
INT	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	3	2	9
SACKS VS/Yds	0-0	1-7	0-0	0-0	1-7	2-11	3-20	0-0	0-0	1-9	1-6	0-0	9-60
FUMBLES/Lost	0-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	10-4
OPPONENTS STATS													
SCORE	21	21	16	17	7	27	51	0	30	38	29	16	273
FD's	16	26	24	13	16	29	31	17	23	28	18	13	254
TOTAL YARDS	406	480	424	267	271	518	636	231	399	525	339	264	4760
RUSH YARDS	21-94	30-108	35-126	27-140	22-21	45-190	52-324	33-72	51-238	60-228	27-6	21-21	424-1568
PASS YARDS	312	372	298	127	250	328	312	159	161	297	333	243	3192
COM-ATT	24-38	33-59	25-41	14-28	24-48	33-49	21-32	19-29	13-26	19-26	24-39	22-36	271-451
INT	0	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	12
SACKS BY/Yds	0-0	4-24	2-22	0-0	2-21	1-2	0-0	4-34	1-4	3-7	4-38	3-17	24-169
FUMBLES/Lost	1-1	2-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	2-2	17-8

INDIVIDUAL GAME PERFORMANCES

RUSHING	TOLEDO	ILL ST	COLO ST	N'WSTRN	PENN ST	MICH	MICH ST	ILLINOIS	IND	WISC	IOWA	BOWL
Laurence Maroney	14-108-2	18-141-1	17-132-0	24-145-1	25-144-1	19-145-1	13-54-0	15-72-1	16-89-1	8-57-1	19-156-3	29-105-0
Marion Barber III	14-78-2	18-149-2	31-201-2	22-86-0	21-88-1	13-40-1	8-36-0	11-138-2	20-65-0	7-34-0	29-167-0	37-187-1
Gary Russell	14-79-1	–	–	–	–	–	–	10-65-0	–	–	–	–
Amir Pinnix	17-88-1	–	2-21-0	1-1-0	–	–	–	6-27-1	–	–	–	–
Jared Ellerson	2-21-0	2-3-0	–	–	2-15-0	–	–	2-18-0	2-11-0	–	–	–
Bryan Cupito	0-0-0	2-4-0	0-0-0	2-13-0	4-15-0	5-8-0	5-(-5)-0	3-(-1)-0	0-0-0	2-(-6)-0	6-14-0	0-0-0
PASSING												
Bryan Cupito	10-12-0	10-22-0	12-21-0	12-21-0	8-18-1	8-22-0	11-33-2	10-21-0	11-30-1	17-33-0	9-16-2	5-12-1
(Com-Att-Ints-Yds-TD)	279-1	204-1	144-2	155-2	113-0	156-1	211-2	247-1	182-2	258-1	73-0	75-0
Marion Barber III	–	1-1-0	–	1-1-0	–	–	–	1-1-0	–	0-1-0	0-1-1	0-1-0
	–	2-0	–	21-1	–	–	–	21-0	–	0-0	0-0	0-0
RECEIVING												
Ernie Wheelwright	2-52-2	1-80-1	3-37-0	2-14-0	3-76-0	2-73-0	3-104-2	1-21-1	3-72-0	6-83-1	4-42-0	0-0-0
Jared Ellerson	4-140-0	6-62-1	2-17-0	1-21-1	3-14-0	6-83-1	1-2-0	4-68-0	2-15-0	4-42-0	1-6-0	3-51-0
Jakari Wallace	2-19-0	2-28-0	1-19-0	–	1-21-0	–	5-95-0	4-91-0	–	1-29-0	–	2-24-0
Matt Spaeth	–	–	6-71-2	5-72-0	–	–	1-8-0	1-6-0	6-95-2	2-28-0	3-18-0	–
Paris Hamilton	1-20-0	–	–	1-50-1	–	–	–	1-82-1	–	1-46-0	–	–

MINNESOTA'S 2005 ROSTER

#	Name	Year	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown
78	Joe Ainslie	JR	OT	6-7	300	Minnetonka, MN
98	Neel Allen	SO	NT	6-3	285	Marietta, GA
4	Trumaine Banks	JR	CB	5-10	185	Columbus, OH
23	Dominique Barber	SO	SS	6-0	180	Plymouth, MN
27	Donald Beattie	rFR	FS	6-2	210	Oconomowoc, WI
77	Tony Brinkhaus	SO	OT	6-4	295	Bloomington, MN
65	William Brody	rFR	DE	6-5	230	Garfield Hts, OH
94	Maurice Buchanan	JR	DE	6-3	255	Minnetonka, MN
53	Brad Bultman	SO	C	6-2	260	Green Bay, WI
32	Terrance Campbell	SR	SS	6-2	205	Atlanta, GA
14	John Carlson	rFR	DB	6-2	215	Wayzata, MN
57	Patrick Cheney	SO	LB	6-1	220	Shoreview, MN
90	Eric Clark	JR	DE	6-4	265	Tampa, FL
3	Bryan Cupito	JR	QB	6-1	195	Cincinnati, OH
79	Matt DeGeest	rFR	OG	6-5	250	Harrisburg, SD
83	Jared Ellerson	SR	WR	6-1	200	Copley, OH
61	Greg Eslinger	SR	C	6-3	285	Bismarck, ND
45	Junior Eugene	SR	FB	6-1	230	Miami, FL
34	Jeremy Faue	SO	FB	5-11	215	Hamel, MN
31	Jason Giannini	rFR	K	5-10	180	Canton, OH
14	Brody Grandas	rFR	CB	5-11	185	Woodbury, MN
30	Ben Hanson	rFR	RB	5-10	190	Proctor, MN
15	Jamal Harris	SO	CB	6-0	180	Delray Beach, FL
44	Deon Hightower	rFR	LB	6-3	195	Arlington, TX
37	Chris Holden	JR	DE	5-11	225	Eden Prairie, MN
49	Stephon Hopkins	JR	DT	6-0	245	Detroit, MI
50	Tommy Jacobs	SO	OG	6-3	285	Maple Grove, MN
69	John Jakel	SO	OG	6-5	280	Schofield, WI
50	Leland Jones	rFR	LB	6-2	215	Atlanta, GA
39	Mark Jundt	JR	WR	5-11	190	Woodbury, MN
37	Michael Kasten	rFR	WR	6-2	200	Plainview, MN
41	Justin Kucek	rFR	P	6-0	180	Columbus, OH
42	Jason Lamers	JR	FB	6-0	240	Kaukauna, WI
86	Tommy Leavitt	rFR	LB	6-3	215	Minneapolis, MN
99	Keith Lipka	SR	DE	6-3	260	Oak Creek, WI
97	Mark Losli	SR	DT	6-6	290	Spring Lk Park, MN
19	Mike Maciejowski	rFR	QB	6-3	210	Columbus, OH
16	Kevin Mannion	rFR	SS	6-2	200	Germantown, WI
22	Laurence Maroney	JR	RB	5-11	205	St Louis, MO
40	Pat McCarthy	JR	DE	6-0	240	Neenah, WI
44	Robert McGarry	SO	LS	6-3	215	Stillwater, MN
52	Kyle McKenzie	SR	LB	6-1	235	Detroit, MI
70	Todd Meisel	SO	DT	6-4	255	Hartland, WI
15	Joel Monroe	rFR	PK	6-0	180	Brooklyn Park, MN
95	Anthony Montgomery	SR	NT	6-5	305	Cleveland, OH
59	Steve Moore	rFR	LB	6-2	230	Coon Rapids, MN
17	John Morgan	rFR	FS	6-2	200	Rochester, MN
17	Tony Mortensen	rFR	QB	6-3	200	Hutchinson, MN
73	Brian Moss	JR	DE	6-6	285	Florissant, MO
53	Mark Mullaney	SO	LB	6-0	210	Eden Prairie, MN
60	Mike Nicholson	SR	OG	6-5	285	River Falls, WI
20	Brandon Owens	JR	SS	6-2	210	Delray Beach, FL
34	John Pawielski	SR	FS	5-11	200	Waupaca, WI
84	Logan Payne	JR	WR	6-2	200	Lutz, FL
96	Everett Pedescleaux	FR	DE	6-5	240	Plymouth, MI
29	Amir Pinnix	SO	RB	6-0	195	Newark, NJ
81	Jarod Posthumus	SR	TE	6-4	255	St Cloud, MN
48	Mario Reese	JR	LB	6-3	230	Mableton, GA
36	Stephon Rhea	SO	CB	5-10	170	Houston, TX
88	Micah Rucker	SO	WR	6-6	210	Bonita Spgs, FL
24	Gary Russell	SO	RB	5-11	195	Columbus, OH
87	Kevin Salmen	SR	TE	6-5	245	St Paul, MN
33	Johnny Sampy	rFR	LB	6-2	215	Houston, TX
55	John Scroggins	SO	DE	6-5	230	Dallas, TX
47	Sam Scroggins	rFR	TE	6-5	245	Florissant, MO
68	Mark Setterstrom	SR	OG	6-3	295	Northfield, MN
26	Hussain Shakir	rFR	FS	6-0	190	Pennsauken, NJ
58	Mike Sherels	SO	LB	6-0	230	Rochester, MN
46	John Shevlin	SO	LB	6-1	220	Eagan, MN
64	Steve Shidell	SO	OT	6-5	285	Coon Rapids, MN
80	Jack Simmons	rFR	TE	6-4	215	Libertyville, IL
8	Andre Sloan EL	rFR	QB	6-2	185	Pennsauken, NJ
96	Camron Smith	rFR	NT	6-5	290	Kansas City, KS
89	Matt Spaeth	JR	TE	6-6	270	Albertville, MN
11	Desi Steib	SO	CB	6-1	185	Vacherie, LA
56	Tyson Swaggert	JR	C	6-4	285	Buffalo, MN
67	Joe Swanson	SR	OG	6-3	285	Eden Prairie, NJ
93	Nhemie Theodore	rFR	DT	6-3	275	Irvington, NJ
31	Seth Thompson	SO	CB	6-0	190	Hudson, WI
18	Justin Valentine	SO	FB	6-2	215	Columbus, OH
91	William VanDeSteeg	rFR	DE	6-4	235	Silver Lake, MN
7	Jakari Wallace	SR	WR	5-8	170	Lauderdale Lks, FL
82	Ernie Wheelwright	SO	WR	6-5	210	Columbus, OH
6	Quentin White	SR	FS	6-0	200	Gahanna, OH
38	Josh Wiltsie	JR	LB	6-1	205	Rochester, MN

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS THE LAST 3 YEARS

2004 SEASON

RECORD: 7-5 BIG 10 RECORD: 3-5

MINNESOTA 63 Toledo 21 - UM rolled up 704 yds, the 2nd most in school history. UM took its starting RB's out at the half leading 42-7. In the 3Q they added a 51 & 80 yd TD drives and a Wheelwright TD rec after a fmbl. UT would add 2 garbage time TD's.

MINNESOTA 37 Illinois St 21 - ISU went on a 45 yd drive that included a 38 yd TD pass. UM went on a 72 yd TD drive to tie it. ISU was int'd at the UM 31. ISU went on a 38 yd drive but missed a 43 yd FG. UM quickly went 74 yds for a TD, 14-7. ISU went 54 yds and a 22 yd TD pass tied it with 1:09 left in the 1H. UM answered with a 57 yd TD drive with :19 left, 20-14 (xpng). UM nailed a 40 yd FG and then Maroney ripped off an 80 yd TD run. UM added an 80 yd TD pass to Wheelwright to blow it open, 37-14. ISU was int'd at the UM 40. The Gophers fmbl'd at the 7 and ISU went 66 yds for a TD. ISU was SOD with 3:45 left. ISU attempted a 34 yd FG on the game's final play but missed it.

Minnesota 34 COLORADO ST 16 - UM controlled the line of scrimmage rushing for 174 yds in the 1Q. UM opened with an 80 yd TD drive and Marion Barber III ran for a career high 203 yds. CSU went 64 yds and nailed a 48 yd FG, 7-3. Barber then ripped off a 61 yd TD run, 14-3. CSU was int'd at the UM 27. The Gophers would go 55 yds nailing a 36 yd FG. CSU was int'd & 8 plays later UM tacked on another TD, 24-3. CSU went 71 yds with a 26 yd TD pass with 1:26 left in the 1H. UM went 45 yds but missed a 52 yd FG on the half's final play. CSU opened the 3Q with a 46 yd drive but was SOD at the UM 39. Six plays later the Gophers tacked on a TD, 31-10. CSU went 68 yds but settled for a 37 yd FG. UM's Cupito was inj'd and Ernst QB'd the rest of the game. CSU went 51 yds but settled for a 27 yd FG, 31-16. CSU was int'd & ret'd 19 yds but UM missed a 47 yd FG. CSU fmbl'd at their own 35. UM got a 28 yd run by Barber but settled for a 19 yd FG. CSU went on a 35 yd drive but was SOD on 4th & 2 with 1:41 left.

MINNESOTA 43 Northwestern 17 - NW went 43 yds and nailed a 30 yd FG. UM went 80 yds and Maroney's 50 yd TD run made it 7-3. After UM went 48 yds for a TD, Backes ret'd the KO 97 yds for a TD, 14-10. UM went 70 yds for a TD and then added a 50 yd TD pass to Hamilton, 27-10 (xp blk'd). After pinning NW at the 4, Basanez was int'd at the 12. UM punched it in for a TD, 33-10 (xp blk'd). NW got a 23 yd run by Herron down to the UM 39 but was SOD on 4th & 3 with 1:02 left in the 2Q. NW opened the 3Q with a 65 yd TD drive. Basanez appeared to fmbl before going into the EZ on his 15 yd TD run but it was not reviewed. Malleo came in at QB for NW. UM went 41 yds and nailed a 46 yd FG, 36-17. UM went 87 yds and got a TD with 2:59 left on a drive that ate up 10:13.

MINNESOTA 16 Penn St 7- UM onside kicked to open the game for the 2nd year in a row vs PSU and drove 41 yds for a 21 yd FG. UM went 86 yds and on 4th & 1 got a TD. UM got to the PSU 29 but was int'd. PSU missed a 52 yd FG with 1:03 left in the 1H. In the 3Q UM opened with a 78 yd TD drive, 16-0 (xp blk'd). PSU fmbl'd on their next play at the 33 but UM's 41 yd FG was blk'd. PSU went 52 yds for a TD. UM got a 57 yd drive but a 44 yd FG was blk'd. PSU went 48 yds and had a FD at the 17 but was int'd in the EZ with 3:33 left. After getting the ball back PSU got to the UM 33 and ran out of time.

MICHIGAN 27 Minnesota 24 - Both were ranked for a game in Ann Arbor for the first time S/'49. Mich went 65 yds for a TD. UM went 47 yds but was SOD on 4th & 3 at the Mich 31. Mich settled for a 38 yd FG and a 10-0 lead. UM's Maroney raced 80 yds for a TD. Mich quickly answered with a 76 yd TD drive. UM went 80 yds for a TD, 17-14 at the half. Mich's Henne was int'd at the UM 18. Later UM got a 27 yd TD pass, 21-17. Mich drove 45 yds but was int'd in the EZ. Mich fmbl'd a PR at their own 9 which set up UM for a 27 yd FG. Mich went 68 yds for a 29 yd FG, 24-20. Mich drove 87 yds and got a 31 yd TD pass with 1:57 left. UM was SOD on 4th & 2 at its own 30.

MICHIGAN ST 51 Minnesota 17 - MSU opened with a 43 yd TD drive. MSU then went 83 yds with a 25 yd TD pass to Knott. After a MSU int, UM nailed a 37 yd FG. MSU got a Teague 41 yd TD run, 21-3. UM's Wheelwright had a 58 yd TD rec. MSU got a 36 yd TD pass to Knott. After a MSU fmbl UM was SOD at the 9. MSU went 70 yds but was int'd. UM drove 53 yds but was SOD on 4th & 2 at the MSU 31. MSU went 64 yds and nailed a 22 yd FG on the 1H's final play, 31-10. MSU went 66 yds for a TD. UM was int'd at their own 29 & MSU nailed a 23 yd FG. MSU nailed a 37 yd FG. UM got a 35 yd TD pass to Wheelwright. MSU got a 56 yd TD pass to Love. UM was int'd at the MSU 33. UM was SOD at the MSU 43 & MSU ran out the clock.

MINNESOTA 45 Illinois 0 - Bower was the surprise starter but IL was shutout for the 1st time since Oct 31, 1998. UM went 76 yds and hit a 34 yd FG. UM went 96 yds and a Barber 44 yd TD run made it 10-0. Pazan came in at QB for IL but was int'd with 2:04 left in the 2Q. UM went 56 yds for a TD with :58 left, 17-0. Bower ret'd in the 3Q and drove IL 70 yds but a 27 yd FG hit the left upright. UM scored 3 3Q TD's on 80 and 88 yd drives and a Hamilton 82 yd rec, 38-0. Pazan was sk'd & fmbl'd and UM tacked on a TD with 12:05 left.

INDIANA 30 Minnesota 21 - UM went 60 & 67 yds for TD's. After UM got a FD at the 50 on 3rd & 20, the game's key play happened when UI ret'd an int 42 yds for a TD, 14-6 (xpng). Indy, with momentum, went 63 yds for a TD, 14-12 (2 ptng). UM was SOD on a fake punt on 4th & 1 at their own 45. UI later went 52 yds for a TD with :39 left in the 1H, 20-14. UI went 53 yds for a 23 yd FG. UM answered with an 80 yd TD drive, 23-21. UM went 56 yds but was SOD on 4th & 9 at the UI 32. UI went 68 yds for a TD early in the 4Q. UI ran out the clock finishing at the UM 11.

WISCONSIN 38 Minnesota 14 - UW dominated with a 205-31 yd edge in the 1H. Stocco threw for a career high 297 yds and Davis added 124 rushing. UW jumped to a 21-0 1Q lead. UM punted & UW went 65 yds for a TD. UW went 65 yds but Stocco missed a wide open rec in the EZ & UW settled for a 41 yd FG, 31-0. UM went 80 yds for a TD. UW moved to the UM 26 but settled for a 38 yd FG which they missed. At the half, UW had an 18-6 FD edge and 379-146 yd edge. UM opened the 3Q with a 73 yd TD drive, 31-14. UW answered with an *80 yd TD drive*.

Iowa 29 MINNESOTA 27 - Iowa fans made up half of the sellout crowd of 64,719. UM was int'd and ret'd to the 44 and Iowa nailed a 36 yd FG. UM went on a 72 yd drive but settled for a 25 yd FG. Iowa went 76 yds for a TD twice converting on 3rd & long, 10-3. After a 35 yd PR, Iowa started at the UM 40. They got a 34 yd pass but settled for a 22 yd FG. UM was int'd at their own 35 & Iowa nailed a 20 yd FG, 16-3. UM's Maroney ran 79 yds for a TD. Iowa's 60 yd TD pass put them up 23-10. On a HB option UM's Barber was int'd at the 33. In the 3Q UM went 55 yds but settled for a 20 yd FG. UM later went 61 yds with Maroney's 37 yd TD run making it 23-20. Iowa went 60 yds for a 38 yd FG, 26-20. UM got to the 44 before Barber fmbl'd. Iowa hit a 49 yd FG, 29-20. UM went 73 yds for a TD w/4:48 left. UM got it back and after getting to the 33 went conservative setting up for the FG. Lloyd's 51 yd FG was wide left w/:28 left.

2003 SEASON

RECORD: 10-3 BIG 10 RECORD: 5-3

MINNESOTA 49 Tulsa 7 - TU's opening drive went 50 yds but they missed a 31 yd FG and UM was SOD at the TU 36. UM then took over as they scored TD's on their next 6 poss. Five came in the 1H on drives of 80, 41, 38, 56 and 56 to lead 35-0. Their 1st drive of the 3Q went 65 yds for a TD. TU avoided the shutout with a 50 yd TD drive early in the 4Q. Backup UM QB Kamrath came in late in the 3Q and guided UM to a 45 yd TD drive. TU drove 60 yds for a garbage time 30 yd FG.

MINNESOTA 48 Troy St 7 - Abdul-Khaliq was int'd in the EZ and UM had a 52 yd FG after rec a fmbl. UM later added an 80 yd TD drive, a 32 yd FG and a 65 yd TD drive, 20-0 at the half. In the 3Q UM added 65 and 40 yd TD drives, 34-0. Backup QB Kamrath was int'd in the EZ. After a 46 yd PR, UM got a 22 yd TD drive, 41-0. TSU had 73 yds at this point but would gain 80 yds on 16 plays on their next drive to make it 41-7. Maroney ret'd a KO 87 yds for a TD to finish the scoring.

Minnesota 42 OHIO U 20 - UM drove 80 yds for a TD. OU fmbl'd on its 1st play & UM drove 28 yds for another TD. OU missed a 41 yd FG but drove 60 yds for a TD. The teams exchanged long TD drives, 21-14. OU took over with 3:55 left in the 2Q and got a TD w/:01 left on 4th & goal. UM fmbl'd a punt at their own 22 but OU was SOD. UM drove 86 yds for a TD and OU was int'd in the EZ from the 31. UM drove 80 yds for a TD with 5:46 left, 42-14. OU drove 49 yds for a TD but UM rec'd the onside kick. OU's final drive was SOD at their own 35.

MINNESOTA 48 Louisiana-Lft 14 - UM had a 530-204 yd edge. ULL QB Babb hit 3-9 for 13 yds and was replaced by Rekieta mid-2Q after UM had already built a 31-0 lead. Rekieta guided a 65 yd TD drive, 41-7 at the half. UM was int'd at the Cajuns 10 but ULL was SOD at the UM 5. UM drove 95 yds for a TD but then fmbl'd a punt at their own 18. Two plays later ULL got a TD with 3:05 left. UM rec'd the onside kick and finished the game at the ULL 13.

Minnesota 20 PENN ST 14 - UM onside kicked and rec'd to open but ended up punting. On their next two poss UM went 43 and 99 yds for TD's. PSU QB Mills got inj'd and Robinson led 79 and 80 yd TD drives sandwiched by a UM 44 yd FG, 17-14 with 2:04 left in the 1H. PSU had a FD at the UM 8 but a 3rd & 11 pass (which looked to be incomplete) was ruled an int with :06 left. PSU was SOD at the UM 33, missed a 45 yd FG, and was int'd at the UM 36. UM put together a 51 yd drive for a 30 yd FG with 2:21 left. PSU drove 67 yds and had a FD at the UM 15 but a 4th & 8 pass in the EZ fell incomplete.

Minnesota 42 NORTHWESTERN 17 - In the 1Q NW led 14-0 rolling up 146 yds offense while UM had just 8 yds on their first 4 poss and did not get a FD until less than 9:00 was left in the 2Q. The game turned on a 96 yd Gopher TD pass and UM scored 21 straight pts, 21-17 at the half. UM added an 82 yd TD pass early in the 3Q and finished with a 572-284 yd edge. UM ended the game at the NW 12 dominating the 2H.

Michigan 38 MINNESOTA 35 - Minny ran for a Mich opponent record 424 yds but Mich recorded its greatest comeback in school history. Minny led 28-7 after 3Q's with the last TD coming on a 26 yd drive after an int. Mich drove 80 yds for a TD and then got a 34 yd int return for a TD with 13:30 left to pull within 7. Abdul-Khaliq got a 52 yd TD run to put Minny back up by 14. Mich tied it with TD drives of 79 and 60 yds, the latter with 5:48 left. Mich got it back and drove 42 yds for a 33 yd FG with :47 left. Minny was int'd at the Mich 14.

Michigan St 44 MINNESOTA 38 - UM fmbl'd the opening KO and MSU drove 37 yds for a TD. MSU then drove 68 & 61 yds for a TD and a FG. UM went on a 74 yd drive for a FG and an 89 yd TD drive, 17-10. MSU rec'd a fmbl and drove 28 yds for a TD but UM drove 80 yds for a TD with :37 left in the 1H. MSU ret'd the ensuing KO 100 yds for a TD, rec'd a Gopher fmbl and nailed a 50 yd FG on the 1H's final play for a shocking 34-17 lead. MSU nailed a 52 yd FG. UM drove 78 yds for a TD but later was SOD on 4th & 6 at the MSU 33. MSU got a 60 yd TD run with 6:47 left, 44-24. UM then drove 68 and 98 yds for TD's, the latter with 2:02 left. MSU rec'd the onside kick and ran out the clock.

Minnesota 36 ILLINOIS 10 - UM converted a fake punt at its own 36 & drove 89 yds, 7-0. UM settled for a 31 yd FG and got an 80 yd TD pass, 17-0 early in the 2Q. IL brought in Ward at QB and he drove them 80 yds for a TD. IL drove to the UM 10 but was int'd in the EZ with :20 left in the half, 17-7. UM drove 89 yds for a TD, 23-7 (xpng). IL drove 80 yds for a 28 yd FG. UM drove 80 & 78 yds for TD's to ice it.

MINNESOTA 55 Indiana 7 - IU backup QB McFarland was told he would start Sat morning due to inj. McFarland fmbl'd on the 4th play and UM ret'd it for a TD (xpng). UM drove 42 yds for a TD, 13-0. Each team missed FG's. UM drove 38 yds for a TD and Indy answered with a 69 yd, 16 play drive to trail 20-7. UM would add 80 and 38 yd TD drives to extend it to 34-7. A 62 yd PR set up UM for a 27 yd TD drive. Indy was SOD on their next 2 poss and MIN drove 81 & 68 yds for TD's.

MINNESOTA 37 Wisconsin 34 - UM scored on every 1H poss to take a 24-13 lead at the half. UW QB Sorgi threw a 17 yd TD pass to Evans on their first poss of the 3Q. After a 34 yd FG by UM, Sorgi fired an 11 yd TD pass to Charles to tie it at 27. A UM int set up a 60 yd TD drive, but Sorgi answered with a 27 yd TD. UM drove 61 yds for the game winning 35 yd FG on the last play.

IOWA 40 Minnesota 22 - An Iowa 47 yd KR set up a 27 yd FG. UM missed a 54 yd FG and settled for a 33 yd'r after an int. UM went on a 13 play drive but settled for a 44 yd FG, 6-3. Iowa drove 70 yds for a TD and UM fmbl'd at the Iowa 12. Iowa drove 72 yds for a TD. UM RB Maroney fmbl'd going into the EZ and Iowa rec'd it at the 1. Iowa ended the 1H with a 55 yd FG and led 20-6. UM fmbl'd at their own 19 setting up an Iowa 33 yd FG and Iowa added another FG. UM was int'd which set up a 41 yd UI TD drive, 33-6. UI drove 60 yds for a TD early in the 4Q. UM fmbl'd at the Iowa 32 and then drove 67 and 68 yds for TD's on their final 2 drives. UM finished with 29-15 FD and 563-344 yd edges.

MINNESOTA 41 Buffalo 17 - UM scored on their 1st 5 poss, 31-0 w/ UB not getting their 1st FD til early in the 2Q. UM relaxed and all'd UB 2 TD's in the final 5:27 of the 1H, 31-14. After an exchange of FG's UB trailed 34-17 w/10:19 left but UM went on an 80 yd TD drive w/6:28 left.

PURDUE 28 Minnesota 15 - PU took their opening poss 77 yds for a TD but 3 fmbl's and a blk'd punt set up UM for 3 FG's, 9-7 at the half. PU ret'd an int 23 yds for a TD to open the 3Q and added a 55 yd TD drive. After a UM fmbl was ret'd 35 yds to the 3, PU added another TD, 28-9. UM was SOD at the PU 24 w/10:29 left but scored a TD w/5:31 left, 28-15. PU rec'd the onside kick but missed a 36 yd FG w/:06 left.

MINNESOTA 31 Illinois 10 - UM dropped a punt snap for an IL safety but UM drove 84 yds for a TD and 50 yds for a FG. IL got a 30 yd Lloyd TD rec, 10-10. After an int IL drove to the UM 2 but fmbl'd w/2:10 left and UM went 86 yds and got a TD run on the 1H's final play. UM got a 73 yd TD drive and added a blk'd punt TD. IL fmbl'd at the UM 7 but UM was SOD at the IL 1.

MINNESOTA 45 Northwestern 42 - Thur Night. UM onside kicked to open and drove for a TD and NW answered, 7-7 after 1Q. NW got 76 & 78 yd TD drives in the 2Q, 21-14 w/6:35 left. UM went 74 yds for a TD w/ 2:18 left and blk'd a punt for another, 28-21. UM drove for two TD's and a FG on their first 3 poss of the 2H to lead commandingly 45-21 early in the 4Q. NW drove 65 yds for a TD (2 ptng), 45-27. UM fmbl'd and the Cats drove 71 yds for a TD w/6:18 left. NW added a 43 yd TD drive w/4:12 left to pull within 3 but UM was able to run out the clock.

Minnesota 28 MICHIGAN ST 7 - MSU got a 52 yd pass to Rogers which set up a TD. UM drove 96 yds for a TD w/a 45 yd TD pass tying it. UM added a 59 yd drive for a 44 yd FG and a 22 yd FG, 13-7 at the half. UM opened the 3Q w/a 79 yd TD drive and then went 80 yds for another TD, 28-7. MSU was int'd at the UM 1 w/7:05 left and the Gophers ran out the clock, finishing at the MSU 3.

OHIO ST 34 Minnesota 3 - UM led 3-0 until OSU got a 5 yd TD run w/ 5:59 left in the 1H. After a blk'd punt OSU took over on the 14 and added a 37 yd FG. UM's P slipped after a bad snap and OSU went 14 yds for a TD. OSU added a 33 yd FG and went 53 yds for a TD, 27-3. UM was SOD at the OSU 23 and OSU drove 77 yds for a TD. UM had just 7 FD's.

Michigan 41 MINNESOTA 24 - Minny got a 32 yd FG after a Mich fmbl. Mich missed a 34 yd FG but got a 14 yd TD drive set up by a bad punt snap by Minny. Mich added a 22 yd FG and drove 76 yds for a TD, 17-3. Minny was int'd in the EZ. Minny opened the 3Q w/78 and 80 yd TD drives to tie it at 17. Mich got a 24 yd FG & blk'd a punt to set up a 10 yd TD drive. After an int Mich drove 40 yds for a TD. After Minny was SOD Mich got a 59 yd TD run. Minny drove 80 yds for a TD w/7:18 left. Mich ran out the clock on a 12 play drive ending at the 5.

Iowa 45 MINNESOTA 21 - UI drove 82 yds for a TD but UM drove 71 yds to tie. Iowa got 65 & 73 yd TD drives and added another after a fmbl, 28-7. UM got back in it w/an 80 yd TD drive w/:32 left 2Q, 28-14. Iowa drove 37 yds for a TD after a fmbl but UM answered w/a 72 yd TD drive, 35-21. Iowa went 72 yds for a FG, 38-21. UM fmbl'd a punt at their own 18 but Iowa was SOD at the 1. UM fmbl'd and Iowa got a 1 yd TD drive. UM's last drive ended on an int at the UI 15.

WISCONSIN 49 Minnesota 31 - UM blk'd an early punt to set up a 39 yd FG but trailed 14-6 early in the 2Q. UM drove 87 yds for a TD with 3:50 left in the half but UW went 87 yds in 12 plays. On 4th & goal from the 1 with :03 left UW got a TD for a 21-14 lead and had a 17-8 FD edge at the half. The teams traded scores through the 3rd and early 4Q with UW leading 35-31 with 10:21 left. After a UM punt, UW drove 75 yds for a TD. UM was int'd in the EZ and UW got a 71 yd run by Davis which was his 5th TD and part of a 311 yd day, 49-31. UM's final threat was int'd in the EZ.

2002 SEASON

RECORD: 8-5 BIG 10 RECORD: 3-5

MINNESOTA 42 SW TX St 0 - It was 35-0 at half. On the 2nd drive of the 3Q, UM went 72 yds for a TD. UM finished w/a 395-129 yd edge.

Minnesota 35 LOUISIANA-LFT 11 - ULL got a 31 yd FG on their 1st drive. UM drove for an early 2Q TD. ULL fmbl'd and UM got a TD w/ :25 left, 14-3 at half. ULL's Dugas ret'd a punt 68 yds for a TD (2 ptng), 14-9 but UM drove 80 yds for a TD. ULL blk'd a punt for a safety, but after the free kick was int'd at the 5. UM got a 13 yd TD pass and went 77 yds for another TD w/7:15 left.

MINNESOTA 31 Toledo 21 - UT's first 2 drives went for TD's, 14-7. UT missed a FG and UM went on an 80 yd, 17 play drive that ate up 9:06 to tie it at 14 at the half. Both teams got long TD drives in the 3Q, 21-21. UM settled for a 21 yd FG and UT faked a 26 yd FG, but was stopped at the 21. UM was forced to punt but illegal formation on UT gave them a FD. Then on 4th & 4 w/1:05 left they got a 21 yd TD pass.

MINNESOTA GOPHERS

2005 BIG 10 RECRUITMENT RANKING: 9
2005 NATIONAL RANK: 44

2005 NEWCOMERS

WR Mike Chambers PS#101DB 6-1 195 Walsh Jesuit HS/Cuyahoga Falls, OH. 1st Team All-Ohio Division III and the Cleveland Plain Dealer All-Star Team after catching 70 passes for 1,494 yards (21.3) and 15 TD's as a Senior. Also snared 3 interceptions and returned 2 for TD's last year.

Boyd Coleman PS#264DB 5-10 180 Wheeler HS/ Marietta, GA. 4.45 speed, 34" vertical jump. Two time All-County performer who broke up an amazing 32 passes while making 52 stops and intercepting 5 passes as a Senior. Also had 27 receptions (9.4) on offense last year.

Alex Daniels PS#34LB 6-3 230 Brookhaven HS/Columbus, OH. 4.59 speed, 38" vertical jump. Minnesota's top prospect in the 2005 class. Two time All-Ohio selection who piled up 100 tackles with 5 sacks and 3 int (2 ret for TD) on the OH Champion team as a Senior.

Steven Davis PS#120DL 6-2 230 McCluer North HS/St Louis, MO. 4.5 speed. Two time 1st Team All-Missouri performer who had 123 tackles, 12 sacks and 8 tackles for loss as a Senior.

Eric Decker PS#119WR 6-2 205 Rocori HS/ Cold Spring, MN. Selected for Minnesota's All-Star game. Two time All-MN prospect who had 62 rec for 1,017 yards (16.4) and 15 TD's as a Senior. Also a standout basketball player.

Tom Hennessey PS#481RB 5-11 215 Somerset HS/ Somerset, WI. Preferred walk-on. 1st Team All-Wisconsin selection by the WI Coaches Association who rushed 297 times for 2,556 yards (8.6) and 37 TD's while averaging 183 yards per game as a Senior.

Otis Hudson PS#139OL 6-4 290 Barrington HS/Barrington, IL 4.9 speed. All-Chicago Area. Overlooked prospect who was a teammate of PS#3OL and IL Player of the Year Iowa recruit Dan Doering.

Dominic Jones PS#44DB 5-9 180 Brookhaven HS/Columbus, OH. Named CBS Sportsline All-American and Ohio Div II Def Player of the Yr as a Senior totalling 9 int on OH Championship Tm. Had 28 career int and 10 career TD kick returns.

Marcel Jones PS#36QB 6-3 205 Simley HS/ Shakopee, MN. Two time All-Minnesota performer at QB and once at DB who set a state record with 8,806 career all-purpose yards. Passed for 2,068 yards with 456 rush yards and 21 TD's as a Senior.

Matt Krueger PS#675OL 6-5 250 Delano HS/ Maple Plain, MN. Preferred walk-on. All-County honors as a Senior who had 99 tackles, 4 tackles for loss and 3 sacks in his career.

Greg Martin PS#301WR 6-2 200 Maple Grove HS/Maple Grove, MN. Preferred walk-on. All-Minnesota honoree and 1 of ten finalists for coveted Minnesota Mr. Football Award.

DB Keith Massey PS#74WR 6-1 200 Brookhaven HS/Columbus, OH. Three time All-Columbus area player who had 212 tackles, 16 passes broken up and 9 interceptions on defense and 63 rec for 1,463 yards (23.2) at WR in his career. Columbus 100m champ.

Michael McKelton PS#580DB 5-10 170 Royal Palm Beach HS/RPB, FL. Participated in Outback Steakhouse All-Star game. *Palm Beach Post* Area All-Star list. Played QB in high school because staff wanted to get the ball in his hands as much as possible. Will be moved to DB.

Jason Meinke PS#480DL 6-5 235 Eastview HS, Apple Valley, MN. Preferred walk-on. All-Conference performer who made 48 tackles with 5 tackles for loss as a Senior.

Chris Mensen PS#105TE 6-6 240 Solon HS/Solon, IA. Iowa Shrine Bowl selection. 1st Team All-Iowa as a TE with 11 receptions for 186 yards (16.9) as a Senior. All-Area on the defensive side of the ball.

Andy Metz PS#475WR 6-2 185 Lakeville HS/ Lakeville, MN. Preferred walk-on. Tm captain on state championship team. Caught 30 passes for 390 yards as a Senior.

Troy Reilly PS#74TE 6-6 240 Stevens Pt Area HS/Plover, WI. 1st Team All-Wisconsin selection and Wisconsin Shrine Bowl participant. Committed to Minnesota in July '04 prior to senior year. Totalled 26 rec for 451 yards (17.3) last year.

Ryan Ruckdashel PS#83OL 6-6 255 Eastview HS/ Apple Valley, MN. 5.06 speed, 185 bench 31 times. 1st Team All-Minnesota OL who graded out as a 95% blocker and averaged 7 pancakes per game as a Senior. State qualifier in wrestling.

Jason Sekinger PS#344OL 6-9 320 Westland HS/ Columbus, OH. May be one of tallest players in Minnesota history. All-Ohio selection.

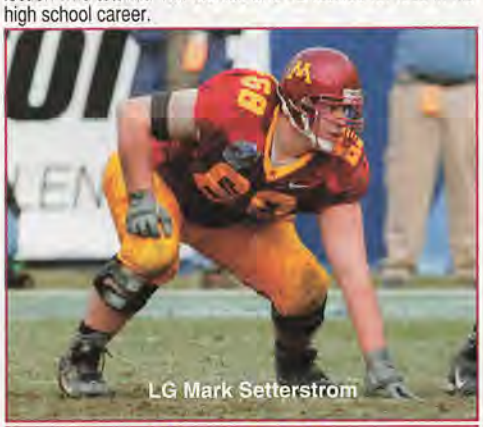
Matt Stommes PS#419DL 6-6 245 Watkins HS/ Richmond, MN. 5.0 speed. 1st Team All-Minnesota honoree who had 73 tackles & 16 sacks at DL while catching 14 passes for 221 yards (15.8) as a Senior. Also a basketball standout.

Nedward Tavale PS#73OL 6-2 305 Cretin-Derham Hall HS/St Paul, MN. Minnesota All-Star game selection. 2nd Team All-Minnesota player while playing both ways on the OL & DL. Registered 84 pancake blocks and piled up 62 tackles as a Senior. Three year starter on traditional state power St Paul Cretin-Derham Hall high school team.

Jay Thomas PS#167RB 6-0 185 Tartan HS/ Oakdale, MN. 4.56 speed, 31" vertical jump. Minnesota All-Star game invitee. Named All-Minnesota three times and *St Paul Pioneer Press* Player of the Year in '04. Led Twin Cities metro area in rushing with 1,549 yards (10.1) and 17 TD's as a Senior. Also had 6 career KR TD's. State track finalist who finished #3 in the 100m and 200m as a junior. Also is basketball standout.

Nathan Triplett PS#104LB 6-3 230 Delano HS/ Maple Plain, MN. 4.6 speed. Minnesota All-Star game participant. 2nd Team All-State selection after recording 127 tackles, 22 tackles for loss, 4 sacks and 4 interceptions as a Senior.

Jeff Tow-Arnett PS#480DL 6-2 270 Redwood Valley HS/Redwood Falls, MN. Preferred walk-on. All-Area selection who totalled 158 tackles and 42 tackles for loss in his high school career.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NFL DRAFT

2005

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
4	109	Marion Barber	RB	Dallas

2004

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
5	162	Thomas Tapeh	FB	Philadelphia

2003

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
5	152	Michael Lehan	CB	Cleveland

2002

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
4	123	Ron Johnson	WR	Baltimore
6	178	Matt Anderle	OT	San Diego
7	229	Greg White	DE	Houston

2001

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	24	Willie Middlebrooks	CB	Denver
4	103	Karon Riley	DE	Chicago
4	113	Ben Hamilton	OG	Denver
6	199	Adam Haayer	OT	Tennessee

2000

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
4	118	Tyrone Carter	SS	Minnesota
6	171	Thomas Hamner	RB	Philadelphia

1999

None

1998

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
6	179	Lamanzer Williams	DE	Jacksonville
7	215	Ryan Thelwell	WR	San Francisco

1997

None

1996

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
4	123	Chris Darkins	RB	Green Bay
6	188	Craig Sauer	LB	Atlanta

LAST 6 BOWL GAMES PAST HISTORIES

2004 MUSIC CITY BOWL MINNESOTA 20 ALABAMA 16

The Music City Bowl had a record crowd of 66,089 with the majority of the crowd pro-Tide. Alabama jumped out to a 7-0 lead just :38 into the game after recovering a UM fumble on the 2 yd line. UM recovered a Pennington fumble in the EZ for a TD with 4:21 left in the 1Q. UM drove 53 yds in 9 plays for a 2Q TD and later hit a 27 yd FG to lead 17-7. UA came back with a 73 yd, 10 play drive for a TD and trailed 17-14 at the half. UM added a 24 yd FG in the 3Q and took an intentional safety in the 4Q to end the scoring. UM had a 23-13 FD edge and outrushed the Tide 276-21 as Bama's top RB Darby was injured and only had 1 carry. UM had two 100+ yd rushers in Barber (187) & Maroney (105).

2003 SUN BOWL MINNESOTA 31 OREGON 30

The 1Q was scoreless. The teams combined for 31 points in the 2Q which set a Sun Bowl record. Oregon posted 2 TD passes from QB Kellen Clemens and UM got two 1 yd TD runs by RB Thomas Tapeh. Oregon hit a 30 yd FG as time expired to take a 17-14 lead into halftime. In the 3Q UM's Tapeh ran it in from 6 yds out to put Minny ahead 21-17. Tapeh's 18 pts set a UM bowl record. UO came back with a 40 yd TD pass from Clemens to go ahead 24-21. UM drove 80 yds in 8 plays and Maroney got a 22 yd TD run to put Minny up 28-24 after 3Q's. UO drove for a 32 yd FG, 28-27 with 9:36 left in the game. Following a Minnesota fumble, UO hit a 47 yd FG to take the lead 30-28. UM converted two 3rd downs and a 4th down to get into FG range on their final drive. UM K Rhys Lloyd hit a 42 yd FG with 0:23 left in the game for the win.

2002 MUSIC CITY BOWL MINNESOTA 29 ARKANSAS 14

Arkansas came into this bowl banged up and bitter after falling to this lower-tier bowl, despite winning the SEC West. First Team AA OT Shawn Andrews DNP for the Hogs. Minnesota outgained Ark 434-288 but UM only had a slight edge in FD's (22-19). Ark started out with a 76 yd drive for a TD and held Minnesota to 2 FG's in the 1Q, 7-6. Ark's defense held Minny to 2 short FG's in the 2Q and Minnesota led 12-7 at the half. In the 3Q, UM drove 70 yds in 8 plays for a TD & led 19-7. Minny added a 29 yd FG & a 33 yd TD run by Thomas Tapeh to lead 29-7 in the 4Q. Ark QB Ryan Sorahan replaced Matt Jones and led the Hogs on a 71 yd TD drive in the 4Q to end the scoring. Minnesota had a 4-0 turnover advantage in the game.

2000 MICRONPC.COM BOWL NC STATE 38 MINNESOTA 30

UM RB Tellis Redmon rushed for 246 yds (Micronpc.com bowl record) & 2 TD's in the game but it wasn't enough to get past NC State. UM got on the board early with a 12 yd TD run by Redmon following an int by NCSt QB Phillip Rivers with 13:03 left in the 1Q, 7-0. UM drove for another Redmon TD run with 4:46 left in the 1Q, 14-0. UM went up 21-0 on a 2 yd TD run by Travis Cole. In the 2Q, UM settled for a 27 yd FG which gave them a 24-0 lead. Finally NCSt drove for a 2 yd TD pass (2 pt conv) with 2:00 left in the 1H, 24-8. NC St used that momentum to control the 3Q with a 19 yd TD pass, a 37 yd FG, and a 3 yd TD run to go ahead 25-24. UM drove 60 yds for a 23 yd FG to go back on top, 27-25. Rivers drove the team 48 yds and hit a 23 yd TD pass for a 31-27 lead (2 ptng). UM settled for a 29 yd FG, 31-30. UM fumbled inside their own 20 and NCSt got an 8 yd TD run by Ray Robinson to seal the win. NC State QB Rivers was named MVP with 310 yds passing & 3 TD's.

1999 SUN BOWL OREGON 24 MINNESOTA 20

This was Minnesota's first bowl game in 13 years. UM had the only 1Q score on a 1 yd TD pass from QB Billy Cockerham. OU QB Joey Harrington got a 5 yd TD run in the 2Q to tie it at 7 at the half. UM's Cockerham threw a 38 yd TD pass with 12:42 left in the 3Q, 13-7 (xpng). OU came back with Harrington's 2nd TD run, and a 37 yd FG to go up 17-13 after 3Q's. UM drove for a 7 yd TD pass from Cockerham, 20-17 with 14:56 left 4Q. OU drove and converted on 4th down and 11 at the UM 44 with a 23 yd pass. Three plays later OU had a 10 yd TD pass from Harrington to go ahead 24-20. UM drove to the OU 39 yd line but QB Cockerham was sacked and fumbled and OU recovered and was able to run out the clock.

1986 LIBERTY BOWL TENNESSEE 21 MINNESOTA 14

UT went ahead 14-0 on 2 TD passes from QB Jeff Francis. UM hit a 27 yd FG with :08 left in the first half, 14-3. UM posted the only score of the 3Q on an 11 yd TD run by Rickey Foggie, 14-11. In the 4Q, UM hit a 25 yd FG to tie the game at 14. On the next possession, UT drove and QB Francis hit a 15 yd TD pass that proved to be the game winner, 21-14.

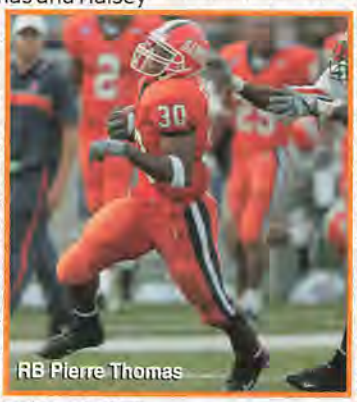
MINNESOTA DRAFT FACTS:

Minnesota ranks 2nd to last in the Big 10 in draft picks the last 10 years with only 16. The most players drafted in a single season under Glen Mason was 4 in 2001. Three RB's have been drafted in the last 6 years. UM hasn't had a QB drafted since Craig Curry in 1972. Willie Middlebrooks became the first ever UM CB drafted in the first round in 2001. Middlebrooks is UM's only 1st round DC in the last 10 years and the Gophers have only had 3 first round draft choices since 1969.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2005

QUARTERBACKS - I feel one of Ron Turner's major downfalls was the fact that he played musical QB's the last 3 years. The last time Turner stuck with 1 QB was in 2001 when Kurt Kittner led them to the Big 10 Title. In 2003 Jon Beutjer (1,597, 63%, 10-9), Dustin Ward and Chris Pazan (511, 59.8%, 2-2) all saw action. Last year Beutjer (PS#27, Iowa transfer) was granted a 6th year of eligibility. He suffered rib and sternum injuries vs UCLA so rFr Brad Bower relieved him and started the next week vs W Michigan. Bower (PS#30) was the most mobile of the QB's. Beutjer won back his starting job vs Purdue and Wisconsin but Pazan (PS#28) hit 7 of 10 in relief vs the Badgers and Turner threw the QB job up for grabs. Beutjer started the next two weeks vs MSU and Mich but then Turner benched Beutjer entirely vs Minnesota. Bower started hitting just 14 of 20 for 131 yards in the 1H and Pazan came off the bench hitting 5 of 9 for 28 yards. Surprisingly Bower started again the next two weeks, but Beutjer threw for 129 yards vs Iowa although he did have a costly int. In the season finale, Chris Pazan started and played the entire game hitting 20 of 33 for 149 yards. This year they must replace Beutjer and Bower (transfer). Turner preferred the prototypical dropback QB but Zook's offense seeks a more mobile QB who can run the spread. Pazan will battle Tim Brasic who has the athleticism but questionable arm strength, Kisan Flakes who has a strong arm and is mobile, Billy Garza who might have been the starter this year if Turner was still around, Mark Venegoni (6-2 210 rFr), and true frosh signee Paul Blalock who ran the spread offense in HS. Keep in mind new coaches do like their own recruits. No matter who wins the job, I look for improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Ron Turner liked to rely on two RB's but in 2002 senior VHT Antoineo Harris (PS#14) rushed for 1,330 yards (4.8) as the team's feature back. In 2003 true frosh EB Halsey (PS#38) rushed for 139 yards in the opener and had every carry for the RB's vs UCLA (24-76). He was one of the NCAA's leaders in all-purpose yards when he went down to injury vs Michigan. He finished with 525 yards (3.8). Marcus Mason (PS#58) was not cleared to play by the NCAA until mid-Sept. He is Maryland's all-time leading HS rusher and got in one start and rushed for 214 yards (3.3), but had fumbling problems. Pierre Thomas (PS#32) took over the starting job when Halsey was hurt but he soon suffered a season ending leg injury. Last year all three returned and Turner split carries between Thomas and Halsey in the first five games until Thomas emerged with 188 yards against Mich St. Thomas, who was suffering from shoulder and ankle injuries, was limited to just five carries vs Minn and did not get an attempt vs Iowa. He finished strong rushing for 185 yards vs Indiana and 131 vs Northwestern to finish with 893 yards (5.9). After Thomas' injury in 2003 he says he lost a step and became more of a power back, but he is still a dangerous return man. Halsey, who has a little more outside speed and is a better receiver, finished with 461 yards (4.2). FB Jason Davis was #3 (230, 4.7). The good news for Zook is that the entire backfield returns except for FB Brock Bolen (PS#28, 63 ttl yds) who transferred. Not listed is FB Justin Ijei (5-10 225 So).


RB Pierre Thomas

RECEIVERS - In 2003 the Illini had an inexperienced group but I expected big things out of PS#3JC Kelvin Hayden. He did not disappoint as in nine starts he led the team with 52 rec's (miss 2 inj). Lonnie Hurst (PS#40) became the first true frosh position player under Turner to start the opener and in nine starts had 27 rec's before injury. The Illini played most of their final three games without their top 2 WR's. Last year the unit appeared to return intact but Hayden, their most talented player, was moved to CB. Ade Adeyemo (PS#33) broke his leg vs Purdue. After working his way out of the staff's doghouse Lonnie Hurst tore his ACL vs Wisconsin. Kendrick Jones who was the MIP last spring, led the team with 47 rec's (14.6). This year they must replace WR Mark Kornfeld who had 44 rec's in 2003 but just 14 last year. Also gone are Adeyemo (9 rec, 4 st) and TE Anthony McClellan (10 st, 3 rec). Melvin Bryant only started 4 games at TE (susp'd 2 gm, 12 rec) but has the speed to stretch the field. I list the 2 deep and Bryant Creamer (PS#51) almost played as a true. Not listed are Spencer Jensen (6-0 180 So, 2 rec), Alex Stroud (6-1 195 rFr) who has solid hands, Bryon Waller (6-5 245 So) and some of this year's true frosh. This year they will go to a 3-WR set and the TE position will be more of a WR/TE spot called the FLEX. This unit should stay healthier and I expect some go-to receivers to emerge including Derrick McPhearson (PS#23) who was at Fork Union last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Ron Turner's first year they had just 7 scholarship athletes to work with on the O-line. In 2002 they had 16 and the starters averaged 6-5 305 and the unit paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing. In 2003 they had to replace a pair of NFL DC's and lost a starter to injury after 7 weeks. They saw the ypc drop to 3.5 with 21 sacks allowed. Last year they lost another NFL DC who was the team's Off MVP and a backup. Starting LG Bryan Koch went down with a torn ACL in the opener, so they basically had three starters returning. The Illini OL paved the way for an extra 42 ypg rushing and the ypc went up to 4.2 but they allowed 24 sacks (6.8%). This year they must replace C Duke Preston (#4DC BUF, 11 st, 3 yr st'r, HM B10), RT Bucky Babcock (11 st, 4 yr st'r, HM B10) and LG Koch (1st LY, 8 career sts). Basically 7 of the top 10 return with 5 VHT's in the 2 deep so I look for continued improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Illini had three starters back in 2003 but were really banged up and allowed 224 ypg rushing (4.7) while the D had 24 sacks. Last year they got DE Mike O'Brien back who was injured in 2003, so basically they had 3 starters returning. They moved in Chris Norwell from the OL and he started all 11 games. They allowed 30 ypg less rushing but the ypc remained high (4.6) and the sack total actually dropped to 12. This year they must replace DE O'Brien (34 tkl, 3 tfl), DT Mike Maloney (1 st, 9 tkl, 1 sk) and DT Brian Schaefering (1 st, 19 tkl, 1 sk). Five players return with starting experience. They add solid JUCO Ismail Abdunafi (PS#5) who should have an immediate impact. Not even listed in the 3 deep are Kam Buckner (6-4 260 So, PS#101), Bryan Truttling (6-4 295 Jr, PS#134OL), Jeff Sobol (6-4 250 rFr, PS#188) and David Lindquist (6-4 265 rFr). The Illini should be much tougher up front.

LINEBACKERS - Illinois was developing a reputation of "LB U" with two Butkus Award winners in '94 and '95 but have struggled recently. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups who combined for 5 starts and 65 tackles and then returning starting WLB Antonio Mason was left off the 105 man roster in August. J Leman, a rFr, took over Anthony Thornhill's spot, starting the last five. This year they must replace SLB Matt Sinclair (9 st, 87 tkl, 4 sk) and MLB Mike Gawelek (11 st, 73 tkl). Sam Carson (PS#23) adds athleticism to the unit and was the Scout Tm Def POY. New coaches like their own recruits and Zook signed no less than three LB's, many of whom could work their way into the 2 deep. This group is more experienced than 2004 as 4 of the top 6 return.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003 the Illini ranked #96 in my pass D rankings and took the redshirt off of CB Alan Ball after four games to try and stop the bleeding. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup but had seven players returning with starting experience and added 2003's top receiver, Kelvin Hayden. They moved their best cover corner, Travis Williams, to FS but Williams was lost for the season after five games. Former RB Morris Virgil was moved to SS and ended up starting all 11 games. Despite all the changes the Illini inched up to #92 in the pass D rankings. This year they must replace CB Hayden (#2DC IND, 11 st, 4 int, 6 pbu, 2nd Tm B10) who was the team's Def MVP and CB Taman Jordan (7 tkl). Six of the top eight return including five with starting experience. It's a fairly deep unit and not even listed in the 3 deep are Drew McMahon (5-10 175 So), Jarvis Newson (6-0 185 rFr), Brian Brosnan (6-1 205 Sr, 25 tkl, 3Y) and Jody Ellis (6-1 180 rFr). Despite the loss of their top player, the Illini should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - While sticking with one QB was a weakness of Turner's, one of his strengths was special teams and his lowest finish in his eight years was #68 in 2003. Last year they only had to replace their starting K and finished #30. True Frosh Jason Reda (PS#10) hit 7 of 12 FG's with a long of 40 but only had 2 attempts of 40+ and his 31 yd miss vs NW most likely cost Turner his job. Steve Weatherford attempted 3 FG's of 40+ (1of 3) making a 48 yarder. Weatherford averaged a super 45.4 (39.0 net) on punts. All of the top PR's are back and the top KR, Pierre Thomas, was spectacular at times (27.1). LS Kyle Knezetic has NFL caliber times on his snaps. Zook had special teams problems early on at Florida with his first two units finishing #91 and #81. Last year, however, the Gators finished #42. With everyone back, this looks like one of the top special teams units in the country.

COACHES - The Illini bring in Ron Zook who was never popular at Florida since he took over for Steve Spurrier. Ironically his popularity reached a zenith after he was fired as the Gators won three impressive games including one at Florida St and he was 23-14 in his three seasons there. The OC is Mike Locksley who was the RB coach and recruiting coordinator at Florida for the past two years. Zook also brought in Ed Zaunbrecher who was his OC at Florida in 2002 and 2003 and the QB coach there last year. Last year's DC, Mike Mallory, cleared out his desk after Ron Turner was fired. Zook, however, decided to rehire him. Mallory was the LB coach prior to his promotion in 2004.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Illini have finished above .500 in Big 10 play just once since 1994 and that was their magical season of 2001 when they earned their first outright Big 10 Title since 1983 with a 7-1 conf mark and finished the regular season 7th in the country defeating 3 ranked teams. The next year they finished a respectable 4-4 in Big 10 play. In 2003 they lost 3 early games they could have easily won and then lost their confidence and were destroyed in Big 10 play (0-8) being outgained by 161.3 ypg. Illinois was -18 in turnovers, so a better record was expected last year, especially with 13 returning starters. Early on it looked like they would get their turnaround season as they won a couple of close games as they trailed WMich 27-23 but got a late TD for the win despite being outgained. They trailed Indy 19-0 but won when an int set up a TD with :30 left. They finished 3-8 but also lost a couple they could have won as they trailed Purdue by 8 and had the ball late and in the season finale they lost to NU in OT after they missed the game winning 31 yard FG on the last play. NU also had a 73 yard PR for a TD to tie it with 2:12 left and that loss sealed Turner's fate. Illinois was outgained in league play last year by 132.9 ypg, so they have a lot of ground to make up. They have just 4 senior starters which makes them the least experienced team in the Big 10. Those two factors plus the team having to learn new offensive schemes will keep me from calling for a winning record, but I think they can top 2004's 3 win total.

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RON ZOOK (Career 23-14)
1st Year at Illinois
Zook's SU Bowl Record: 0-2

2004 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (20,23,3)
Lost: 16 (8,7,1)

2004 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 48,626

Phil's Homefield Edge-3 2005 Schedule Difficulty-#13		TURF	Final Score	
Date	Opponent		UI	Opp
Sep. 3	Rutgers	A		
Sep. 10	San Jose St	A		
Sep. 17	at California	A		
Sep. 24	Michigan St	A		
Oct. 1	at Iowa	G		
Oct. 8	at Indiana	A		
Oct. 15				
Oct. 22	Penn St (HC)	A		
Oct. 29	Wisconsin	A		
Nov. 5	at Ohio St	G		
Nov. 12	at Purdue	G		
Nov. 19	Northwestern	A		
Nov. 26				

TB EB Halsey

	HC	OC	DC
2004	Ron Turner	Ron Turner	Mike Mallory
2003	Ron Turner	Ron Turner	Mike Cassity
2002	Ron Turner	Ron Turner	Mike Cassity
2001	Ron Turner	Ron Turner	Mike Cassity
2000	Ron Turner	Ron Turner	Tim Kish
1999	Ron Turner	Ron Turner	Tim Kish
1998	Ron Turner	Buddy Teeven	Tim Kish
1997	Ron Turner	Buddy Teeven	Tim Kish

LAST 7 YEARS BIG 10 RANKINGS

	Big 10 Record	Finished	Total OFF	Total DEF	Avg Score in Big 10 Play
2004	1-7	#10	294	427	17.6-31.0
2003	0-8	#11	304	465	14.0-39.6
2002	4-4	#6	438	426	26.5-25.8
2001	7-1	#1	432	361	32.6-24.9
2000	2-6	#9	369	443	24.1-31.5
1999	4-4	#6	376	407	25.6-25.6
1998	2-6	#9	266	399	9.9-31.4

LAST 10 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	OPPONENT	SCORE
83	Rose	UCLA	9-45
85	Peach	Army	29-31
88	All-American	Florida	10-14
89	Citrus	Virginia	31-21
90	Hall of Fame	Clemson	0-30
91	John Hancock	UCLA	3-6
92	Holiday	Hawaii	17-27
94	Liberty	E Carolina	30-0
99	Micronpc.com	Virginia	63-21
01	Sugar	LSU	34-47

Illinois' All-Time SU Bowl Record 6-8

Last 6 Big 10 Titles
2001 1963
1990 1953
1983 1951

AP/Cch/UPI Nat'l Champs
None

TOP 5 CAREER RECORD LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
1. Jack Trudeau 8,725	1. Robert Holcombe 4,105	1. David Williams 3,392
2. Kurt Kittner 8,722	2. Antoineo Harris 2,985	2. Jason Dulick 2,004
3. Jason Verduzco 7,532	3. Thomas Rooks 2,887	3. Brandon Lloyd 2,583
4. Tony Eason 7,031	4. Jim Grabowski 2,878	4. John Wright 2,284
5. Johnny Johnson 5,293	5. Rocky Harvey 2,711	5. Walter Young 2,382

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (69,249)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	10 Yr Total
Record	5-5-1	2-9	0-11	3-8	7-4	5-6	10-1	5-7	1-11	3-8	41-70-1
Home	3-3	2-4	0-6	2-4	3-3	4-2	6-0	3-3	1-5	3-4	27-34
Away	2-2-1	0-5	0-5	1-4	4-1	1-4	4-1	2-4	0-6	0-4	14-36-1

ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 10 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	21.8	20	153	4.2	185	56.8	15.5	-6	2004	5	29.4	22	194	4.6	230	64.1	14.4
6*	16.9	19	111	3.5	230	60.8	20.1	-18	2003	7	33.2	24	224	4.7	202	60.4	12.9
7	28.8	23	164	4.3	282	56.8	15.5	-8	2002	7	25.6	22	190	4.3	230	56.2	16.4
7*	32.5	21	143	3.5	277	54.1	12.9	+4	2001	6	23.8	21	147	3.9	234	50.0	16.0
8*	26.7	21	163	4.1	217	57.3	14.2	-2	2000	4	26.0	23	233	4.8	180	54.8	15.9
6*	32.3	21	174	4.3	234	54.2	12.6	+13	1999	8	22.8	21	170	4.1	218	53.2	17.0
6*	13.5	15	142	3.8	146	46.5	21.3	-11	1998	8	29.6	21	154	3.7	217	55.7	12.5
6	10.8	15	125	3.6	162	42.7	26.5	-10	1997	6	33.5	20	211	4.7	207	59.7	12.5
7	17.3	18	133	3.5	178	55.0	18.0	-10	1996	5	33.8	19	213	4.8	194	57.7	11.4
6*	17.5	15	119	2.9	158	50.8	15.8	+4	1995	5	18.0	16	136	3.3	180	52.6	17.6

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Pierre Thomas	152	921	28	893	8	5.9
EB Halsey	111	479	18	461	5	4.2
Jason Davis	49	237	7	230	1	4.7
Brock Bolen	11	51	0	51	0	4.6
Brad Bower	32	118	72	46	0	1.4
Marcus Mason	11	32	4	28	0	2.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jon Beutjer	188	107	56.9	1082	8	4
Brad Bower	100	57	57.0	658	4	3
Chris Pazan	63	37	58.7	292	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kendrick Jones	47	687	14.6	5	56
Jason Davis	41	340	8.3	2	26
Franklin Payne	25	214	8.6	1	17
Mark Kornfeld	14	183	13.1	0	30
Ade Adeyemo	9	135	15.0	0	39
EB Halsey	19	109	5.7	0	12
Melvin Bryant	12	111	9.2	3	26
Pierre Thomas	14	95	6.8	1	34
DaJuan Warren	6	52	8.7	0	14

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Steve Weatherford	57	2589	45.4	10	39.0	0	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Reda	26-27	3-5	3-5	1-2	0-0	7-12	40
Steve Weatherford	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	0-0	1-3	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Sinclair	87	4	4	3	0
Justin Harrison	79	0	0	0	1
Morris Virgil	78	0	2	6	2
Mike Gawelek	73	0	0	2	1
Kelvin Hayden	71	0	0	6	4
J Leman	56	1.5	2	1	0
Anthony Thornhill	54	0	1	0	0
Chris Norwell	40	0	2	2	0
Alan Ball	37	0	1	1	0
Ryan Matha	34	0	7	2	0
Mike O'Brien	34	0	3	4	0
James Cooper	28	2	0	2	0
Joe Mele	28	0	0	0	0
Scott Moss	28	0.5	1	0	0
Travis Williams	27	0	0	0	0
Brian Schaefering	19	1	0	0	0
Charles Bailey	17	0	1	0	1
Kevin Mitchell	16	0	0	1	0
Josh Norris	15	.5	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
EB Halsey	27	226	8.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Pierre Thomas	25	677	27.1	1
Marcus Mason	6	86	14.3	0
Morris Virgil	4	87	21.8	0

2004 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Florida A&M	26	48-296	6.2	18-23	258	0	21	25-71	2.8	37-55	287	2	+3
UCLA	22	41-208	5.1	23-38	248	1	26	47-273	5.8	14-21	208	0	-2
W Michigan	23	45-176	3.9	10-19	177	6	23	35-133	3.8	27-41	273	1	-1
Purdue	25	34-175	5.1	22-37	215	1	28	37-149	4.0	35-50	366	1	-2
at Wisconsin	16	27-42	1.6	20-41	164	2	18	50-258	5.2	9-20	99	1	0
at Michigan St	18	39-234	6.0	15-25	144	2	29	46-253	5.5	23-30	234	0	-1
Michigan	19	30-98	3.3	20-40	156	1	23	61-294	4.8	14-27	114	1	-2
at Minnesota	17	33-72	2.2	19-29	159	4	23	49-319	6.5	11-22	268	0	-2
Iowa	16	25-58	2.3	22-42	210	0	19	36-76	2.1	24-34	243	4	-1
Indiana	17	34-199	5.9	12-27	152	3	18	41-156	3.8	18-28	250	1	+2
at Northwestern	21	50-128	2.6	20-33	149	4	15	35-155	4.4	18-31	184	1	0
TOTALS	220	406-1686	4.2	201-354	2032	24	243	462-2137	4.6	230-359	2526	12	-6
AVERAGES	20.0	37-153	4.2	18-32	185	2.2	22.1	42-194	4.6	21-33	230	1.1	-0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Arkansas St	41-3 W
San Diego St	38-10 W
at Louisville	41-36 W
Michigan St	10-27 L
at Indiana	31-34 L
Minnesota	7-37 L
at Michigan	35-29 W
Penn St	7-27 L
at Iowa	40-24 W
at Ohio St	46-20 W
Northwestern	29-7 W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Middle Tenn	35-6 W
at San Diego St	49-13 W
California	17-15 W
Michigan	31-35 L
at Minnesota	10-44 L
Iowa	31-0 W
at Penn St	25-39 L
at Michigan St	10-14 L
Indiana	42-35 W
Ohio St	21-24 L
at Northwestern	23-61 L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at California	44-17 W
N Illinois	17-12 W
Louisville	34-10 W
at Michigan	20-45 L
Minnesota	25-14 W
at Indiana	35-14 W
Wisconsin	42-35 W
atPurdue	38-13 W
Penn St	33-28 W
at Ohio St	34-22 W
Northwestern	34-28 W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
† Missouri	20-33 L
at S Mississippi	20-23 L
Arkansas St	59-7 W
San Jose St	35-38 L
Michigan	28-45 L
at Minnesota	10-31 L
Purdue	OT 38-31 W
Indiana	45-14 W
at Penn St	7-18 L
at Wisconsin	37-20 W
Ohio St	OT 16-23 L
at Northwestern	31-24 W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
† Missouri	15-22 L
Illinois St	49-22 W
at UCLA	3-6 L
California	24-31 L
Wisconsin	20-38 L
at Purdue	10-43 L
Michigan St	14-49 L
at Michigan	14-56 L
Minnesota	10-36 L
at Iowa	10-41 L
at Indiana	14-17 L
Northwestern	20-37 L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Florida A&M	52-13 W
UCLA	17-35 L
W Michigan	30-27 W
Purdue	30-38 L
at Wisconsin	7-24 L
at Michigan St	25-38 L
Michigan	19-30 L
at Minnesota	0-45 L
Iowa	13-23 L
Indiana	26-22 W
at Northwestern	OT 21-28 L

ILLINOIS 2005 DEPTH CHART

WR Kendrick Jones

OFFENSE

WR
#8 DAJUAN WARREN SO.
6-3 195 **PS#45QB**
Playmaker. 6 rec, 8 gms in '04. Moved to WR from QB. 4.5 speed. QB: 4400 yds & 42 TD L/3Y of HS.
#2 BRYANT CREAMER rFR.
6-3 190 **PS#51**
Practiced with #1 & #2 offense in August '04. 1 of IL's top receivers as HS Sr. 4.5 speed.

RB
#30 PIERRE THOMAS JR.
5-11 190 **PS#32**
2 sts, 893 yds (5.9). 25 KR (27.1) & 1 TD LY. #1 B10 & #13 NCAA all-purpose yds in '04. More powerful than Halsey.
#26 EB HALSEY JR.
5-10 200 **PS#38**
17 sts, 986 yds (3.9), 56 rec (7.4) L/2Y. 1st IL frosh RB with 100 yds in debut (139 vs MO). More versatile than Thomas.

WR
#84 KENDRICK JONES SR.
6-2 180 **PS#128**
Team's top deep threat. 4.4 speed. 11 sts, 47 rec (14.6) in '04. 2 rec in '02-03.
#1 LONNIE HURST JR.
6-3 195 **PS#40WR**
Slow to recover from torn ACL in '04. 9 sts, 27 rec (11.7) in '03. 1st true S/'80 to start opener.

K
#13 JASON REDA SO.
6-0 185 **PS#10**
7-12 FG's, long 40 LY. Immediately won job as true in August practice. Career long 65 yd'r in practice.
#37 STEVE WEATHERFORD SR.
6-4 205 **PS#36**
1-3 on long FG's LY with a long of 48. 19 TB's on 50 KO. Range to 55 yds. Decathlete.

QB
#15 TIM BRASIC JR.
6-2 185 **PS#48**
#1 QB out of spring! 4.65 40. Ball control scrambler. 0-1 in career. Practiced at WR during '04 season.
#11 KISAN FLAKES rFR.
6-1 190 **PS#126**
Georgia Off POY in spread offense in HS! Strong arm & most mobile QB.
#16 CHRIS PAZAN JR.
6-2 210 **PS#28**
3 sts 2Y, 803 pass (59%), 3-3 ratio. Quickest release of QB's. Compared to Kittner.

WR
#NA DERRICK MCPHEARSON FR.
6-0 195 **PS#23**
May start right away. Signed at Florida LY. DNQ & spent '04 at Fork Union prep. 4.28 speed. 38" VL.
#80 FRANKLIN PAYNE JR.
6-0 185 **PS#101**
7 sts, 25 rec (8.6) in '04. 2 rec (9.0) in '03. 4.4 40. RB on Scout Tm in '02.

RT
#68 JIM LABONTE SO.
6-7 300 **PS#209**
Off's Most Imp'd in spring. 2nd string as rFr. Reshaped body in '03.
#73 ANDREW BURK JR.
6-6 290 **PS#84**
2nd string in '04. 1 gm, 1 pbu at DT in '03.

RG
#79 JAMES RYAN SO.
6-6 310 **PS#49**
-25 lbs & improved strength in spring. 2nd string in '04. Scout Tm Off POY in '03.
#69 BEN AMUNDSEN SO.
6-6 305 **PS#154**
One of team's strongest. Moved from C to OG.

C
#67 MATT MADDOX JR.
6-4 290 **PS#73**
Moved to C in spring. 11 sts at RG in '04, 2nd highest grade on OL. 11 sts at RG in '03.
#72 KYLE SCHNETTGOECKE SR.
6-3 280 **PS#126**
2nd string C in '03-04.

LG
#64 MARTIN O'DONNELL SO.
6-5 290 **PS#7**
10 sts at LG in '04. 2nd string & travel roster as true but still RS.
#76 KEVIN GAGE SO.
6-6 285 **PS#69**
Backup in '04. RS '03. O'Donnell's HS teammate.

LT
#57 JJ SIMMONS JR.
6-6 290 **PS#291**
11 sts at LT in '04. 385 bench, 300 hang clean, 500 squat. Long arms.
#60 RYAN MCDONALD rFR.
6-4 270 **PS#149**
#2 LT in spring. C on Scout Tm as rFr.

TE
#88 MELVIN BRYANT JR.
6-5 235 **PS#22**
4 sts, 12 rec (9.2) in '04. L/6 sts, 12 rec (9.5) in '03. Co-Scout Tm POY '02.
#87 JR KRAEMER rFR.
6-5 220 **PS#21**
TE on Scout Tm LY. #2 in MO 110M hurdles.

DEFENSE

DE
#90 SCOTT MOSS SR.
6-3 260 **PS#76LB**
DT in spring. 7 sts, 28 tkls, 5 qbh in '04. 10 sts, 34 tkls, 4 sks in '03. 390 bench.
#39 JAMES STEVENSON SO.
6-3 240 **PS#78LB**
2 sts, 4 gms as rFr. 1 of team's strongest. 400 bench, 485 squat. HS wrestler.

DT
#NA ISMAIL ABDUNAFI JR.
6-4 285 **PS#5JC**
Arrives in August. 15 sks, 25 tfl at JC in '04. 4.9 speed. 400 bench, 595 squat.
#97 RYAN MATHA SR.
6-3 300 **PS#258**
500 bench, 630 squat. 9 sts, 34 tkls, 7 tfl LY. 9 sts, 35 tkls, 2 sks in '02-03.

DT
#96 CHRIS NORWELL SO.
6-7 270 **PS#162OL**
11 sts, 40 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 pbu as rFr. Top OT prospect in '03 but moved to DT in spring.
#92 ARTHUR BOYD JR.
6-3 265 **PS#227RB**
1 st at DE, 12 tkls, 2 tfl in 9 gms LY. 5 tkls as true. Moved to DL from FB in August '03.

DE
#98 XAVIER FULTON SO.
6-5 270 **PS#90**
Team's most improved DL & top pass rusher in spring. Last 3 sts as true, 6 tkls. 4.8 speed. Long arms.
#52 CYRUS GARRETT JR.
6-3 230 **PS#41LB**
DNP '04 after failing conditioning test. 3 tkls, 5 gms at DE as rFr. Scout Tm Def POY '02.

CB
#24 CHARLES BAILEY SO.
6-1 195 **PS#220**
17 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu, 11 gms as true. Track: 8.07 60M hurdles. 4.4 speed.
#22 SHARRIFF ABDULLAH JR.
5-8 180 **PS#775**
35 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu L/2Y. 5 sts in '03. Mostly sp tms in '04. Undersized with 4.5 speed.

OLB
#47 J LEMAN SO.
6-3 220 **PS#246**
Moved to OLB & added weight in spring. Last 5 sts at MLB as true, 56 tkls, 4 tfl in 11 gms.
#53 JOE MELE III SO.
6-2 225 **PS#161**
28 tkls in 10 gms as rFr. Scout Tm Def & sp tms POY in '03. Tough.

MLB
#48 REMOND WILLIS rFR.
6-0 220 **PS#100**
Undersized but team's most athletic LB. Def's Most Imp'd in spring. 4.5 speed. 350 bench.
#43 SAM CARSON rFR.
6-1 225 **PS#23**
Scout Tm Def POY in '04. Prototypical Big 10 MLB. Compared to Butkus winner Dana Howard.

OLB
#51 ANTHONY THORNHILL SO.
6-1 215 **PS#93**
7 sts. 11 gms as rFr. 54 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Fastest LB.
#3 WALTER MENDENHALL rFR.
6-0 200 **PS#72RB**
Moved to LB in spring. Scout Tm Off POY as TB in '04.

CB
#18 ALAN BALL JR.
6-1 175 **PS#153**
11 sts, 37 tkls, 1 pbu LY. 4 sts, 44 tkls, 4 pbu as true. #1 MI 110M hurdles in HS.
#25 JAMES COOPER SR.
5-11 200 **PS#212RB**
28 tkls, 2 sks, 2 pbu in '04. 34 yds as RB in '02-03. 4.43 speed.

FS
#20 MORRIS VIRGIL SR.
5-10 195 **PS#215RB**
11 sts at SS, 78 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu LY. 4.46 speed. 1 st, 334 yds RB 2Y.
#29 JODY ELLIS rFR.
6-1 180 **PS#301WR**
#2 FS post spring & will compete for starter's job in August.
#28 TRAVIS WILLIAMS SR.
6-1 185 **PS#158**
4 sts until inj, 27 tkls LY. 12 sts, 91 tkls, 1 int in '03. 6 sts, 38 tkls as true.

P
#37 STEVE WEATHERFORD SR.
6-4 205 **PS#36**
NFL prospect. 44.0 career avg. 45.4 avg, 39.0 net, **1st TM Big 10**, Ray Guy Semifinalist LY. #1 Big 10 w/44.5 avg, 37.6 net in '03.

SS
#32 JUSTIN HARRISON SO.
5-11 205 **PS#135**
No spring due to off-season knee surgery. 7 sts at FS as rFr, 79 tkls, 1 in despite broken thumb. Tm's Rookie of the Yr.
#42 KEVIN MITCHELL SO.
6-0 190 **PS#95**
16 tkls, 1 pbu in 11 gms as rFr. 1 o tm's hardest hitters. Compared to Bob Sanders.

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Off Coor/TE: Mike Locksley, 1st year Hired as OC after Larry Fedora resigned to take the Okla St job in January '05. With Zook at Florida as the RB coach/recruiting coordinator in '03-'04. RB coach/recruiting coordinator at Maryland from '97-'02. Army receivers/TE coach in their last bowl season in '96.

Pass game coor/QB's: Ed Zaunbrecher, 1st year QB coach/OC at Florida from '02-'04 (QB only in '04). OC/QB coach at Marshall in '99-01 (QB only in '99). HC at UL Monroe from '94-98.

RB's/Recruiting Coor: Reggie Mitchell, 1st year RB coach/recruiting coordinator at Michigan St from '00-'04 under Bobby Williams and John L. Smith. WR coach at MSU in '99 under Nick Saban. Spent 12 yrs as an assistant under Glen Mason at Kansas & Kent St.

WR's: Dino Dawson, 1st year Spent 2004 at Tuskegee University as a DB coach. DB coach at Cincinnati from '02-03. WR coach at Toledo in '01. OC/QB/WR coach at Bowling Green in '00.

Run game coor/OL's: Ed Warinner, 1st year OL coach at Kansas in '03-04. Air Force OL coach from '00-'02. Spent 13 years as an assistant at Army including '98-'99 as the OC. Army lead the NCAA in rushing in '98.

DEFENSE

Defensive Coor: Mike Mallory, 5th year LB/DB coach at Illinois from '01-03 until becoming DC LY. Maryland ILB coach in 2000. DC/LB coach at N Illinois '96-'99.

DL's: Tom Sims, 1st year DL coach at Minnesota from '01-'04. E Michigan DL coach in '00. W Kentucky DL coach from '97-'99.

OLB/Sp teams: Dan Disch, 1st year 22 yrs of experience as one of Florida's most successful HS coaches, prior to becoming UF's Secondary coach in '04.

Secondary: Curt Mallory, 1st year Brother of DC Mike and son of ex-Indiana HC Bill. Spent '02-'04 as Indiana's secondary coach. DB coach at C Michigan in '01. DB/LB coach at Ball St from '95-00.

Strength & conditioning: Lou Hernandez, 1st year Assistant strength coach at Florida in '03-04. Assistant strength coach with the NY Jets in '02. Head strength coach at Houston from '97-'01.

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GAME BY GAME TEAM STATS

VERSUS	FL A&M	UCLA	W MICH	PUR	WISC	MICH ST	MICH	MINN	IOWA	IND	N'WSTN	TOTALS
SCORE	52	17	30	30	7	25	19	0	13	26	21	240
FD's	26	22	23	25	16	18	19	17	16	17	21	220
TOTAL YARDS	554	456	353	390	206	378	254	231	268	351	277	3718
RUSH YARDS	48-296	41-208	45-176	34-175	27-42	39-234	30-98	33-72	25-58	34-199	50-128	406-1686
PASS YARDS	258	248	177	215	164	144	156	159	210	152	149	2032
COM-ATT	18-23	23-38	10-19	22-37	20-41	15-25	20-40	19-29	22-42	12-27	20-33	201-354
INT	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	8
SACKS VS/Yds	0-0	1-6	6-2	1-11	2-12	2-15	1-7	4-34	0-0	3-7	4-24	24-118
FUMBLES/Lost	0-0	2-2	2-1	2-2	2-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	17-11
OPPONENTS STATS												
SCORE	13	35	27	38	24	38	30	45	23	22	28	323
FD's	21	26	23	28	18	29	23	23	19	18	15	243
TOTAL YARDS	358	481	406	515	357	487	408	587	319	406	339	4663
RUSH YARDS	25-71	47-273	35-133	37-149	50-258	46-253	61-294	49-319	36-76	41-156	35-155	462-2137
PASS YARDS	287	208	273	366	99	234	114	268	243	250	184	2526
COM-ATT	37-55	14-21	27-41	35-50	9-20	23-30	14-27	11-22	24-34	18-28	18-31	230-359
INT	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	1	10
SACKS BY/Yds	2-18	0-0	1-1	1-11	1-12	0-0	1-8	0-0	4-27	1-7	1-7	12-91
FUMBLES/Lost	2-1	0-0	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	11-3

INDIVIDUAL GAME PERFORMANCES

RUSHING	FL A&M	UCLA	W MICH	PUR	WISC	MICH ST	MICH	MINN	IOWA	IND	N'WSTN
Pierre Thomas	14-143-2	9-49-0	12-78-0	8-48-0	5-(-1)-0	21-188-2	20-68-1	5-4-0	–	21-185-1	37-131-2
EB Halsey	16-79-2	21-97-1	20-91-2	15-83-0	8-27-0	4-10-0	–	8-23-0	10-33-0	4-7-0	5-11-0
Jason Davis	1-11-1	3-25-0	3-10-0	8-77-0	8-30-0	7-35-0	6-15-0	2-5-0	10-20-0	1-2-0	–
Brad Bower	–	6-39-0	9-(-14)-0	–	1-(-5)-0	–	–	9-39-0	3-1-0	4-(-14)-0	–
Jon Beutjer	–	2-(-2)-0	–	2-(-18)-0	2-1-0	2-(-6)-0	4-15-0	–	2-4-0	2-8-0	–
PASSING											
Jon Beutjer	16-18-0	12-22-0	–	22-37-0	12-27-0	10-14-0	20-39-3	–	12-25-1	3-6-0	–
(Com-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	228-1	146-1	–	215-3	85-0	96-0	156-1	–	129-1	27-1	–
Brad Bower	2-5-0	11-15-1	10-19-2	–	1-4-0	–	–	14-20-0	10-17-0	9-20-0	–
	30-0	102-0	177-2	–	12-0	–	–	131-0	81-1	125-2	–
Chris Pazan	–	–	–	–	7-10-0	5-11-0	–	5-9-1	–	–	20-33-0
	–	–	–	–	67-1	48-0	–	28-0	–	–	149-0
RECEIVING											
Kendrick Jones	3-101-0	6-110-0	3-54-2	4-75-0	4-57-0	5-37-0	2-22-0	6-34-0	7-84-2	5-91-0	2-22-0
Jason Davis	3-34-0	5-31-0	–	5-45-2	5-35-0	3-22-0	7-69-0	2-19-0	4-28-0	3-30-0	4-27-0
Franklin Payne	1-8-0	1-16-1	–	6-43-0	2-18-0	2-16-0	2-20-0	2-16-0	5-53-0	1-4-0	3-20-0
Mark Kornfield	–	2-26-0	1-30-0	1-15-0	2-17-0	1-6-0	2-19-0	2-45-0	2-21-0	–	1-4-0
Ade Adeyemo	3-42-0	–	6-93-0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
EB Halsey	2-6-0	4-26-0	–	2-12-0	5-22-0	2-15-0	–	–	2-14-0	–	2-14-0

ILLINOIS' 2005 ROSTER

#	Name	Year	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown
22	Sharriff Abdullah	JR	DB	5-8	170	Detroit, MI
69	Ben Amundsen	SO	OL	6-6	305	Moline, IL
24	Charles Bailey Jr	SO	DB	6-1	195	Fort Wayne, IN
18	Alan Ball	JR	CB	6-1	175	Detroit, MI
92	Arthur Boyd	JR	DL	6-3	265	Shaker Hts, OH
15	Tim Brasic	JR	QB	6-2	185	Riverside, IL
40	Anthony Brodnax	rFR	DB	6-1	180	Lithonia, GA
31	Brian Brosnan	SR	S	6-1	205	Chicago, IL
88	Melvin Bryant	JR	TE	6-5	235	Muncie, IN
59	Kam Buckner	SO	DL	6-4	260	Chicago, IL
73	Andrew Burk	JR	OL	6-6	290	Newburgh, IN
43	Sam Carson III	rFR	LB	6-1	225	Woodridge, IL
25	James Cooper	SR	DB	5-11	200	South Holland, IL
2	Bryant Creamer	rFR	WR	6-3	190	Chicago, IL
34	Jason Davis	SR	FB	5-11	220	St Louis, MO
29	Jody Ellis	rFR	DB	6-1	180	Evanston, IL
11	Kisan Flakes	rFR	QB	6-1	190	Lovejoy, GA
22	Kieron Frazier	SO	WR	6-3	180	Mason, OH
98	Xavier Fulton	SO	DL	6-5	270	Flossmoor, IL
52	Cyrus Garrett	JR	DL	6-3	230	Bolingbrook, IL
12	Billy Garza	rFR	QB	6-2	195	Brownsville, TX
89	Zach Gray	JR	TE	6-3	250	Gillman, IL
35	Brian Grzelakowski	SO	FB	5-11	210	Clarendon Hills, IL
35	Bill Guska	SO	S	6-1	190	Orland Park, IL
26	EB Halsey	JR	RB	5-10	200	Elizabeth, NJ
32	Justin Harrison	SO	DB	5-11	205	Bloomington, IL
1	Lonnie Hurst	JR	WR	6-3	195	Detroit, MI
42	Justin Ijel	SO	FB	5-10	225	Chesterfield, MO
17	Spencer Jensen	SO	WR	6-0	180	Homer Glen, IL
84	Kendrick Jones	SR	WR	6-2	180	East St Louis, IL
56	Tyler Keely	SO	LS	6-1	185	Oswego, IL
10	Kyle Kleckner	SR	DB	6-0	195	Downers Grove, IL
49	Kyle Knezetic	SO	LS	6-1	195	Channahon, IL
40	Justin Kovach	SO	LS	6-1	220	Batavia, IL
87	JR Kraemer	rFR	TE	6-5	220	Wildwood, MO
62	Jordan Kruger	SR	OL	6-4	295	Chicago, IL
68	Jim LaBonte	SO	OL	6-7	300	Lombard, IL
47	J Leman	SO	LB	6-3	220	Champaign, IL
82	Frank Lenti Jr	SO	WR	6-2	180	South Holland, IL
43	Nick Levanti	rFR	LB	6-0	225	Champaign, IL
85	David Lindquist	rFR	DL	6-4	265	Highland Park, IL
58	Jonathan Lower	rFR	LB	5-11	210	Lanark, IL
67	Matt Maddox	JR	OL	6-4	290	Manasquan, NJ
23	Marcus Mason	JR	RB	5-9	200	Pontiac, MD
97	Ryan Matha	SR	DL	6-3	300	Dixon, IL
60	Ryan McDonald	rFR	OL	6-4	270	Holland, MI
85	Mark McGoey	JR	WR	6-4	200	Wheaton, IL
9	Drew McMahon	SO	DB	5-10	175	Champaign, IL
53	Joe Mele	SO	LB	6-2	225	Sea Girt, NJ
5	Rashard Mendenhall	FR	LB	6-0	190	Skokie, IL
3	Walter Mendenhall	rFR	LB	6-0	200	Skokie, IL
42	Kevin Mitchell	SO	S	6-0	190	Ft Wayne, IN
90	Scott Moss	SR	DL	6-3	260	Minooka, IL
58	Dan Motuliak	rFR	OL	6-4	270	Lafayette, IN
24	Edgar Mourans	SO	WR	6-2	180	Niles, IL
94	Charles Myles	JR	DL	6-6	310	Chicago, IL
27	Jarvis Newson	rFR	DB	6-0	185	Decatur, GA
65	Josh Norris	SR	DL	5-11	250	Springfield, IL
96	Chris Norwell	SO	DL	6-7	270	Cincinnati, OH
64	Martin O'Donnell	SO	OL	6-5	290	Downers Grove, IL
80	Franklin Payne	JR	WR	6-0	185	Jackson, TN
16	Chris Pazan	JR	QB	6-1	210	Chicago, IL
38	Troy Pryor	SO	LB	6-0	205	Chicago, IL
55	Jay Ramshaw	SO	DL	6-4	240	Champaign, IL
13	Jason Reda	SO	PK	6-0	185	Rock Island, IL
46	Tyler Rouse	SO	DB	5-10	180	Champaign, IL
79	James Ryan	SO	OL	6-6	310	Batavia, IL
72	Kyle Schnettgoecke	SR	OL	6-3	280	St Louis, MO
99	Dominic Shafer	JR	PK	5-10	180	Centralia, IL
57	JJ Simmons	JR	OL	6-6	290	Mishawaka, IN
54	Jeff Sobol	rFR	DL	6-4	250	Pevely, MO
39	James Stevenson	SO	DL	6-3	240	Franklinville, NJ
86	Alex Stroud	rFR	WR	6-1	195	Danville, CA
30	Pierre Thomas	JR	RB	5-11	190	Lynwood, IL
51	Anthony Thornhill	SO	LB	6-1	215	Detroit, MI
36	Josh Tischer	SR	LB	6-1	215	Morris, IL
78	Bryan Truttling	JR	DL	6-4	295	East Chicago, IN
10	Mark Venegoni	rFR	QB	6-2	210	Gurnee, IL
20	Morris Virgil	SR	DB	5-10	195	Urbana, IL
91	Derek Walker	rFR	DL	6-5	245	Glendale Hts, IL
48	Bryon Waller	SO	TE	6-5	240	South Holland, IL
8	DaJuan Warren	SO	WR	6-3	195	Southfield, MI
37	Steve Weatherford	SR	P	6-4	205	Terre Haute, IN
41	Russ Weil	rFR	FB	6-0	240	Minooka, IL
49	Steve Whitehill	SO	LB	6-2	215	Cahmpaign, IL
61	Adam Wilk	JR	DL	6-5	275	Lake Zurich, IL
28	Travis Williams	SR	DB	6-1	185	East Alton, IL
48	Remond Willis III	rFR	LB	6-0	220	Lilbourn, IL
83	Andre Young	rFR	WR	6-5	190	New Augusta, SC

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI THE LAST 3 YEARS

2004 SEASON

RECORD: 3-8 BIG 10 RECORD: 1-7

ILLINOIS 52 Florida A&M 13 - FAM was w/o 4 starters serving susp. The Illini scored 7 TD's & 1 FG on 8 consecutive possessions before freely substituting up 52-0 mid 3Q. FAM got a 59 yd drive before being SOD at the UI 28. In the 4Q vs Illini backups FAM went 80 & 79 yds for TD's, 52-13 (xpng).

Ucla 35 ILLINOIS 17 - UI opened with a 76 yd drive but was SOD at the UCLA 4. The Bruins marched 96 yds including a 41 yd TD pass. A 47 yd TD run by UCLA's Drew made it 14-0. UI went 66 yds for a TD. UCLA was int'd at the UI 34. UI fmbl'd and UCLA drove 48 yds for a TD with 3:58 left 1H, 21-7. On UI's last offensive play of the 1H QB Beutjer inj'd his ribs and Bower hit 11 of 15 for 102 yds in the 2H. The Bruins blk'd a 40 yd FG and it went to the half. UCLA opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive. Bower answered with a 58 yd TD drive which included a 4th & 4 conversion at the UCLA 29. UCLA went 63 yds but on 4th & goal at the 1 was sk'd. IL went 75 yds but settled for a 34 yd FG with 11:23 left, 28-17. Bower was int'd and Horton ret'd it to the UCLA 15 where the Bruins added a TD pass. UI was SOD on 4th & 1 at the UCLA 13 with 2:22 left.

ILLINOIS 30 W Michigan 27- Both teams were missing their starting QB's. UI's Thomas ret'd the opening KO 99 yds for a TD. UI Bower was int'd on his first pass and WM's McIntosh ret'd it to the Broncos 19. Six plays later WM got a TD, 7-7. UI answered with an 80 yd TD drive. WM went 44 yds in 11 plays and nailed a 50 yd FG, 14-10. UI was sk'd & fmbl'd at the WM 26 & WM went 69 yds but settled for a 22 yd FG. UI went 66 yds in just 4 plays with a 28 yd TD pass making it 20-13 (xpng). WM went 85 yds for a TD with 5:59 left 3Q to tie it. UI went 48 yds and nailed a 34 yd FG to lead 23-20. Bower was int'd in the EZ and Blake ret'd it 56 yds setting up a WM TD 8 plays later for the lead, 27-23. Halsey got a 40 yd PR to the WM 40 which set up the Illini's game winning TD with 1:02 left. IL rec'd a Cubit fmbl at the WM 19 with 0:00 left.

Purdue 38 ILLINOIS 30-UI ran a reverse on the game's 1st play and WR Adeyemo fmbl'd and broke his leg. Three plays later PU had a TD. UI went 67 yds in 13 plays but settled for a 24 yd FG. PU answered with a 45 yd FG, 10-3. IL got a 72 yd KR and went 28 yds for a TD to tie it. PU converted on 3rd & 21 for a FD on a 73 yd TD drive. UI went 62 yds and nailed a 48 yd FG, 17-13. PU went 87 yds and a 49 yd TD pass on 3rd & 10 made it 24-13. UI answered with a 57 yd TD drive. At the half PU had a 272-195 yd edge but UI had a 138-39 rush edge. PU got off just a 27 yd punt down to the PU 39 but UI had a 45 yd FG blk'd. PU went 72 yds for a TD, 31-20. UI settled for a 22 yd FG after having a 1st & goal at the 4. UI blk'd a punt but PU picked it up and ran for a FD. PU later went 91 yds scoring on a 34 yd TD pass on 3rd & 8, 38-23. UI went 80 yds in 12 plays for a TD with 4:42 left. PU got 1 FD & punted with just :45 left. UI started at their 14. They fmbl'd and PU rec'd all the way back at the 1 yd line. With :34 left PU actually ran the ball trying for the TD but was stopped.

WISCONSIN 24 Illinois 7-UW RB Davis had his biggest game of the year with 213 yds. UI used 3 QB's due to ineffective play. UW went 73 yds for a TD early 2Q. UW went 58 yds and nailed a 48 yd FG, 10-0 at the half. UI opened the 3Q with a 51 yd drive but missed a 47 yd FG. UW went 70 yds got a Davis TD run, 17-0. After a Stocco fmbl set IL up at the UW 34, 3rd QB Pazan came in to lead the team 6 plays for a TD with 7:29 left. On the next drive Davis got a 31 yd TD run on 4th & 3 to ice it.

MICHIGAN ST 38 Illinois 25-MSU went 49 yds and later 71 yds for TD's but on the 2nd TD the xp was fmbl'd and Hayden ret'd it 90 yds for a 2 pt conv, 13-2. The teams traded 80 yd TD drives, 20-9. MSU went 62 yds but missed a 35 yd FG with 2:15 left 1H. Beutjer was sk'd & fmbl'd on IL's 26. MSU nailed a 21 yd FG with :04 left to lead 23-9. In the 3Q UI got a 69 yd run by Thomas which set up his short TD run, 23-16. UI later went 66 yds but missed a 28 yd FG. MSU went 80 yds for a TD and UI answered with a 64 yd FG drive, 30-19. UI blk'd a punt & rec'd it for a TD, 30-25 (2 pt ng). MSU went 62 yds for a TD with 5:47 left to put it out of reach, 38-25 (2 pt good). MSU ran out the clock on a 60 yd drive.

Michigan 30 ILLINOIS 19-IL fmbl'd on the game's 1st play at their own 20 which UM turned into 31 yd FG. UM then added a 62 yd TD drive. UI went 50 yds but were SOD on 4th & 1 at the UM 30. UI went 77 yds for a TD, 10-7. UM drove 65 yds but Harrison int'd it in the EZ & ret'd it 72 yds. IL got a TD 4 plays later for the stunning 14-10 lead. UM's Henne was int'd again and it was ret'd to the Wolves 37. IL nailed a 40 yd FG on the 1H's final play for a 17-10 lead. UM drove 46 yds but was SOD at the UI 20. Beutjer was int'd and McClintock ret'd it to the IL 6. UM got a TD 2 plays later, 17-16 (xpng). UM went 86 yds for a late 3Q TD, 22-17 (2 pt ng). UM added a 91 yd TD drive with 8:54 left, 30-17. Beutjer was int'd at the UM 18. IL went 76 yds but Beutjer was int'd for the 3rd time in the EZ on 3rd & goal from the 4 with 1:37 left. UM took an intentional safety with :03 left.

MINNESOTA 45 Illinois 0-Bower was the surprise starter but IL was shutout for the 1st time since Oct 31, 1998. UM went 76 yds and hit a 34 yd FG. UM went 95 yds and a Barber 44 yd TD run made it 10-0. Pazan came in at QB for UI but was int'd with 2:04 left 2Q. UM went 56 yds for a TD with :58 left, 17-0. Bower ret'd in the 3Q and drove IL 71 yds but a 28 yd FG hit the left upright. UM then scored 3 3Q TD's on 80 and 88 yd drives and a Hamilton 82 yd rec, 38-0. Pazan was sk'd & fmbl'd and UM tacked on a TD with 12:05 left.

Iowa 23 ILLINOIS 13 - Windy Conditions. Bower started and led IL 49 yds for a TD. Iowa went 84 yds and on 3rd & 8 got a 19 yd TD pass to tie it. In the 3Q IL fmbl'd at their own 37 setting up another Iowa 19 yd TD pass, 14-7. Iowa blk'd a punt out of the EZ for a safety. Following the free kick the Hawks went 46 yds for a TD, 23-7. Ex-Hawkeye Beutjer came in at QB for IL. The Illini went 64 yds but Beutjer was int'd. IL went 65 yds in 17 plays and got a TD with :49 left after 3 4th down conversions (2 pt ng). Iowa rec'd the onside kick and took a knee.

ILLINOIS 26 Indiana 22-On the game's 1st play Indy's LoVecchio hit an 80 yd TD pass, 6-0 (xp ng). After a 31 yd PR Indy drove 45 yds for a TD, 13-0. Indy ran a reverse to Roby for a 31 yd TD, 19-0 (2 pt ng) with 7:24 left 1Q. IL got a FD via a fake punt which set up a 56 yd TD pass, 19-7. IL went 65 yds for a TD with :48 left 1Q, 19-14. After a scoreless 2Q Indy went 69 yds in 17 plays for a 1st down at the IL 16 but LoVecchio was KO'd. With Powers at QB they settled for a 37 yd FG, 22-14. With Beutjer at QB, IL went 80 yds in 4 plays on a 44 yd TD run by Thomas, 22-20 (2 pt ng). Powers was int'd and Hayden ret'd it to the IL 30 with 4:22 left. With :30 left IL got a 2 yd TD pass to Jones (2 pt ng). Indy ret'd the KO to the 42 but Powers was int'd at the Illini 48.

NORTHWESTERN 28 Illinois 21 (OT)- IL was trying to save HC Turner's job and surprisingly QB Pazan got the start. IL RB Thomas fmbl'd at the NW 20. NW would go 78 yds as Herron ran untouched up the middle for a 23 yd TD. IL went 53 yds for a TD. Morris int'd a Basanez pass & ret'd it to the NW 26. Thomas got a 14 yd TD run with 1:12 left 1H, 14-7. NW went 78 yds for a TD to tie it. IL went 59 yds in 11 plays. On 4th & goal at the 2 they lined up for a FG but faked it and Weatherford ran it in, 21-14. NW's Backes ret'd a punt 73 yds for a TD with 2:12 left to knot it up again. IL's Thomas ret'd the KO 62 yds to the NW 30. They got 1 FD but true frosh Reda missed a 31 yd FG on the last play of regulation. In OT NW needed 5 plays for a TD while IL's 4th & 6 pass at the NW 11 fell incomplete.

2003 SEASON

RECORD: 1-11 BIG 10 RECORD: 0-8

† Missouri 22 Illinois 15 - Edward Jones Dome, St Louis. IL had 23-12 FD and 411-223 yd edges. IL settled for a 44 yd FG then their P was tkl'd at their own 2 setting up MO for a TD drive. IL fmbl'd at the MO 16 and MO drove 47 yds for a TD, 14-3. IL got a 48 yd FG on the 1H's final play. The Illini settled for a 31 yd FG at the end of a 51 yd drive. IL was then stopped on 4th & inches at the MO 15 early 4Q. IL drove 39 yds for a TD after a 16 yd PR but missed the 2 pt conv and led 15-14. MO had its best drive going 78 yds in 13 plays for a TD with 4:06 left and the 2 pt conv made it 22-15. IL got to the MO 29 but a 4th & 4 pass was in the arms of an open WR at the 5 but he dropped it.

ILLINOIS 49 Illinois St 22-ISU took their opening drive 65 yds but on a QB draw, fmbl'd in the EZ for a TB. The Illini drove 63, 58 and 41 yds (after fmbl) for TD's, 21-0 after 1Q. ISU settled for a 27 yd FG and UI a 40 yd FG with 1:18 left in half, 24-3. ISU tried a 49 yd FG on the final play of the half, but it was blk'd and ret'd 66 yds for a TD, 31-3 at the half. ISU got a 78 yd 13 play 3Q TD drive. UI rec'd an onside kick and nailed a 28 yd FG, 31-13. UI got a 65 yd 5 play drive but ISU answered with an 80 yd TD pass (2 pt ng), 38-19 after 3Q's. UI drove 59 and 78 yds for a TD and a 28 yd FG to lead 49-19 with 1:58 left. ISU drove 58 yds for a 28 yd FG on the final play of the game.

UCLA 6 Illinois 3-Defensive struggle with UCLA having just 204 yds and UI 283. UI had 4 TO's & UCLA only had 1. In the 1H UCLA drove 58 yds for a 28 yd FG. In the 2Q UI was int'd at the UCLA 18. UI then fmbl'd a punt and UCLA got a 48 yd FG, 6-0 at the half. In the 3Q the teams exchanged int's and UI drove 45 yds for a 29 yd FG with 4:15 left 3Q, 6-3. UI drove 66 yds in 11 plays for a 38 yd FG but illegal procedure forced a 43 yd FG which was wide, left with :27 left.

California 31 ILLINOIS 24-UI opened with a 68 yd TD drive and Cal had a 61 yd'r. Cal drove 54 yds for a TD mid 2Q, 14-7. Cal ret'd a punt 68 yds for a TD, 21-7. UI got a 72 yd TD pass to open the 3Q and got the ball back but at midfield threw a backward pass which was int'd setting up a 26 yd TD drive by Cal. After UI was SOD at the 15, the Bears added a 32 yd FG, 31-14. UI drove 80 yds for a TD with 7:27 left and 76 yds but settled for a 34 yd FG with 1:44 left. They rec'd the onside kick, had 1st & goal at the 7 with :30 left, but ran out of time.

Wisconsin 38 ILLINOIS 20-Anthony Davis DNP for UW but backup Dwayne Smith had 193 yds rushing. After a 19 yd punt, UW drove 45 yds for a TD and then added 68 and 80 yd drives and led 21-0. UI got a 27 yd FG and a 75 yd 18 play drive for a TD with :32 left pulled them within 21-10. UI got a 47 yd FG and UW hit a 75 yd pass which set up a 5 yd TD run and led 28-13. UI drove 68 yds for a TD. UI got an int return for a TD but a roughing the QB penalty gave UW the FD & UW scored another TD, 35-20. UW went 75 yds in 12 plays settling for an 18 yd FG with 3:54 left to close the scoring.

PURDUE 43 Illinois 10-UI HC Turner said, "We were physically dominated early and never really had a chance to get into the game." PU had 29-11 FD and 533-191 yd edges. PU was SOD at the IL 1 and had a 23 yd FG blk'd but still led 27-3 at the half. IL got a 41 yd PR for their only TD and PU tacked on a TD with :35 left for the final.

Mich St 49 ILLINOIS 14-IL missed a 49 yd FG and then each team put together a long TD drive, 7-7. MSU ret'd an int to the 2 setting up a TD on 4th & 1 to lead 14-7. The Spartans added a 68 yd TD drive, but IL missed a 51 yd FG on the 1H's final play. MSU drove 93 yds for a TD, got a 12 yd TD drive after an int and drove 55 yds for a TD after IL was SOD. The Spartans added a 53 yd fmbl return for a TD. IL drove 89 yds in 16 plays for a TD with 1:05 left.

MICHIGAN 56 Illinois 14-UM dominated the 1H with 291-50 yd and 18-2 FD edges and led 35-0 getting a 74 yd PR TD and a TD on 4th & goal on the 2Q's final play. UI got an 81 yd TD drive and added an 80 yd drive for a TD with 5:33 left. UM drove 76 yds for a TD with 1:47 left.

Minnesota 36 ILLINOIS 10-UM converted a fake punt at its own 36 & drove 89 yds, 7-0. UM settled for a 31 yd FG and got an 80 yd TD pass, 17-0 early 2Q. IL brought in Ward at QB and he drove them 80 yds for a TD. IL drove to the UM 10 but were int'd in the EZ with :20 left, 17-7. UM drove 89 yds for a TD, 23-7 (xpng). IL drove 80 yds for a 28 yd FG. UM drove 80 & 78 yds for TD's to ice it.

IOWA 41 Illinois 10-Iowa drove 77, 75 & 80 yds for a 17-0 1H lead. Iowa hit a 24 yd FG to open the 3Q and IL missed a 43 yd'r. Iowa got a 3 yd fmbl ret TD & drove 57 yds for a TD, 34-0. IL drove 80 yds for a TD & 57 yds for a 24 yd FG. Iowa drove 73 yds for a TD pass with 3:12 left.

INDIANA 17 Illinios 14-Both teams had just 1 win each (vs 1AA). Indy opened with a 76 yd TD drive and IL missed a 39 yd FG. Indy was SOD on 4th & 1 at the 38 w/1:08 left 1H. IL drove 62 yds for a TD with :08 left to tie. IL missed a 36 yd FG but drove 69 yds for a TD to lead 14-7. IL had a 52 yd PR TD called back. Indy drove 56 yds for a 40 yd FG, 14-10. Indy drove 66 yds and Lovecchio's 3rd & goal 8 yd TD run w/:24 left won this.

N'Western 37 ILLINOIS 20-After an int, NW missed a 38 yd FG. IL hit a 37 yd FG and then got a 32 yd int return for a TD. NW went 59 yds for a TD, 10-7. IL drove 56 yds for a 41 yd FG. NW was SOD at the IL 33 and later fmbl'd at their own 42. IL had a FD at the NW 21 but a sk and pen pushed them back, 13-7 at half. In the 2H NW att'd just 1 pass & RB Wright rushed for 251 yds and 4 TD's. The Cats drove 61 yds for a TD to lead 14-13. IL was int'd at the NW 3 and the Cats drove 97 yds for a TD. IL fmbl'd at the NW 37. The Cats drove for a 38 yd FG. IL went 65 yds thanks to a fake punt on 4th & 5 at their own 40 and the TD pulled them within 23-20. NW went 80 yds for a TD and added a 68 yd int return for a TD. IL fmbl'd at the NW 18 and were SOD at the NW 3.

2002 SEASON

RECORD: 5-7 BIG 10 RECORD: 4-4

† Missouri 33 Illinois 20-St Louis. MO dominated the 1H w/ a 222-88 yd edge but only led 14-7. IL tied it on the 3Q's 1st drive. MO ret'd a fmbl 46 yds for a TD and got 85 and 54 yd TD drives to blow it open, 33-14. IL drove 67 yds for a TD. MU QB Smith, making his 1st start, rushed for 138 yds and passed for 152.

S MISS 23 Illinois 20-IL led 14-2 w/ 70 yd PR TD and a 76 yd fmbl ret TD despite having 0 FD's. IL actually spiked the ball on the FR thinking it was an incompletion but the refs let it stand. SM RB Nix rushed for 201 yds despite not playing 2Q. SM pulled within 17-15 but missed the 2 pt try. IL had a 32 yd FG blk'd and Nix got a 50 yd TD run to make it 23-17 (2 pt good). IL got a FG and SM missed a 47 yd FG. SM was SOD on 4th & 2 at the IL 6 w/1:31 left. They later took over at the 16 but took a knee.

ILLINOIS 59 Arkansas St 7-ASU was SOD after a 51 yd drive and they missed a 31 yd FG after a 67 yd drive. IL built a 24-0 lead but ASU went 74 yds for a TD w/:11 left. IL opened it up in the 3Q w/TD drives of 73, 85, 70, 59 and 80 yds on their 1st 5 poss.

San Jose St 38 ILLINOIS 35-IL took a 14-7 lead w/71 and 64 yd TD drives and SJS drove 27 yds for a TD after a 60 yd KR to tie it. SJS got a 61 yd TD drive w/1:48 left 2Q but the Illini got a TD w/:05 left, 21-21. SJS went 71 yds for a TD to take the lead. IL went 80 yds for a TD but SJS answered w/a 76 yd drive. IL got a 32 yd TD pass w/1:21 left, 35-35 but SJS got a 37 yd FG on the final play for the upset.

Michigan 45 ILLINOIS 28-At the half IL had a 315-234 yd edge but trailed 28-13. They settled for 44 and 39 yd FG's and UM had 15 & 24 yd TD drives after int's. UI also had a FG blk'd just before half. UM added an 88 yd TD drive and got a 10 yd TD drive after an int and a 21 yd FG to lead 45-13 and the Illini got 2 4Q TD's incl one w/:11 left.

MINNESOTA 31 Illinois 10-UM dropped a punt snap for an IL safety but UM drove 84 yds for a TD and 50 yds for a FG. IL got a 30 yd Lloyd TD recp, 10-10. After an int IL drove to the UM 2 but fmbl'd w/ 2:10 left and UM went 86 yds and got a TD run on the 1H's final play. UM got a 73 yd TD drive and added a blk'd punt TD. IL fmbl'd at the UM 7 but UM was SOD at the IL 1.

ILLINOIS 38 Purdue 31 (OT) -IL ret'd the opening KO for a TD and led 24-0 when PU got an int ret for a TD and a FG,24-10. PU drove 76 & 55 yds for TD's to tie. PU fmbl'd a punt on the 43. IL missed a FG and PU drove 80 yds for a TD w/5:27 left. IL went 80 yds in 19 plays converting on 4th down twice and getting a TD w/:03 left to tie. PU got a Hail Mary pass in the EZ but it was ruled down at the 1. In OT IL got a TD and PU was SOD.

ILLINOIS 45 Indiana 14-IL took their 1st 4 poss 67, 64, 80 and 57 (after fmbl) yds for TD's, 28-0. They added a 55 yd TD drive after Indy was SOD and led 35-0 at the half. IL drove 65 yds for a TD on the 1st poss of the 3Q and benched the starters. It was 45-0 when Indy drove 63 & 74 yds for garbage TD's including one w/:05 left.

PENN ST 18 Illinois 7-PSU opened w/a 68 yd FG drive and added an 84 yd TD run, 10-0. PSU added a FG and a 68 yd TD drive w/:28 left 1H, 18-0 (xp ng). PSU had a FD at the IL 23 but was SOD. They later missed a 52 yd FG. Bkup QB Beutjer led IL 60 yds in 17 plays for a TD w/5:22 left. Beutjer was int'd at the 1 and PSU ran out the clock. Larry Johnson set a PSU record w/279 yds rushing.

Illinois 37 WISCONSIN 20 - UW was w/out QB Bollinger & RB Davis due to inj's. IL suffered 5 TO's but had a 26-13 FD edge. IL opened w/ a 45 yd FG but UW went 77 yds to tie it. IL went 61 and 36 yds (after fmbl) for TD's, 17-3. UW got a 6 yd TD drive after a 52 yd fmbl return and got a 44 yd FG after an int, 17-13. IL was int'd in the EZ but UW was SOD. IL got a 22 yd TD pass w/:28 left 1H to lead 24-13. UW got a 56 yd int return setting up a 10 yd TD drive, 24-20 but IL went 68 & 32 yds for FG's and 56 yds for a TD, 37-20. UW's last threat ended in an int in the EZ.

Ohio St 23 ILLINOIS 16 (OT) - OSU hit 2 FG's but IL drove 72 yds for a FG w/:31 left 1H, 6-3. IL got a 51 yd PR setting up a 19 yd TD pass for a 10-6 3Q lead. OSU quickly answered w/a 50 yd TD pass, 13-10. IL fmbl'd at the OSU 18. The Illini went 44 yds for a FG to tie. OSU drove 43 yds for a FG to lead 16-13. OSU drove 66 yds but missed a 41 yd FG w/2:17 left. IL nailed a 48 yd FG on the final play. In OT OSU got a TD but the Illini had 2 close incompletions in the EZ ruled OOB.

N'WSTRN 31 Illinois 24 -After the teams traded TD's, IL drove 57 & 68 yds for TD's and added a 35 yd FG, 24-7. NW was int'd in the EZ with :43 left 1H. NW hit a 31 yd FG and then on 4th & goal threw a lateral to OL Essex but he was tkl'd 3 yds short. IL drove 96 yds for a TD. NW answered with a 66 yd TD drive and then had a TD called back on holding before being int'd in the EZ. NW went 75 yds for a TD with 2:12 left for the win.

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

2005 BIG 10 RECRUITMENT RANKING: 10
2005 NATIONAL RANK: 47

2005 NEWCOMERS

Ismail Abdunafi PS#5JC 6-4 285 Elizabeth (NJ) HS/Bakersfield (CA) College Will start right away if he qualifies academically. Will arrive in August '05. 4.9 speed. 400 bench, 595 squat. 1st team JC All American and conference defensive MVP with 70 tackles, 25 tackles for loss and 15 sacks in '04. Knocked 4 QB's out of the game LY. Lead blocker for EB Halsey in HS.

Will Bergen PS#235OL 6-4 260 Middleton HS/ Tampa, FL 320 bench. National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame scholar-athlete of the year with 3.8 GPA. Won 4A District Championship. Team's offensive player of the year as a Jr.

Paul Blalock PS#70QB 6-0 190 Waubonsie Vlly HS/Aurora, IL Committed to Illinois in summer '04 after ex-HC Ron Turner's QB camp. All IL performer who threw for 2,130 yards and 15 TD's while running for 550 yards and 13 TD's as a senior. Other Big 10 schools recruited as a DB.

Eric Block PS#132OL 6-3 282 Jesuit HS/ New Orleans, LA 375 bench and 550 squat. Earned All-Louisiana honors and was named 1 of New Orleans top 20 players by the *Times Picayune* as a senior.

Immanuel Chu PS#215DL 6-2 263 Woodstock HS/Woodstock, GA Recruited as a DT with 4.97 speed. 355 bench. County's defensive player of the year with 70 tackles, 16 tackles for a loss and 5 sacks as a senior.

Will Davis PS#158WR 6-3 235 Eleanor Roosevelt HS/Greenbelt, MD Likely to play new Flex position in Zook's offense. All Maryland playing on both sides of the ball averaging 27.6 on 21 receptions with 10 TD's as a WR. Had 136 tackles, 24 sacks and 8 passes broken up as a senior. Teammate of PS#1WR Derrick Williams (Penn St)

Guesley Dervil PS#110DB 5-11 180 Edward H White HS/Jacksonville, FL 4.4 speed, 35" verticle jump. Made 85 tackles, 12 passes broken up and 3 interceptions at CB and caught 23 receptions (15.0) with 4 TD's at WR as a senior.

Kyle Hudson PS#255WR 5-11 165 Mattoon HS/ Mattoon, IL 150 lbs when he committed in summer of '04. 4.4 speed. Honorable mention All-Illinois playing both ways with 25 tkls and 4 interceptions at DB and 15.9 yards per reception at WR as a senior. IL state long jump champion 6'10" as a junior.

Greg McClendon PS#148WR 6-2 207 Carver HS/ Columbus, GA Honorable mention All-Georgia as a RB rushing for 1,300 yards and 11 TD's as a senior.

Derrick McPhearson PS#23WR 6-0 195 Fork Union Acad/Hyattsville, IL 4.28 speed despite gaining 20 lbs of muscle at Fork Union in '04. Signed with Zook at Florida last year but did not qualify academically. 38" verticle. All Washington DC Metro Area catching 38 passes (20.5) with 8 TD's as a senior. Dad Gerrick played for the New England Patriots.

Rashard Mendenhall PS#8RB 6-0 190 Niles West HS/Skokie, IL Graduated from HS early and was here for spring '05 practices. Earliest ever to commit to ILL as he gave verbal prior to his junior season in HS after brother (Walter) committed. Played in the US Army All American Bowl. Two-time All-Illinois player who rushed for 1,453 yds (9.1) with 14 TD's as a senior despite injuries.

Brit Miller PS#126LB 6-1 230 Eisenhower HS/Decatur, IL Committed to Illinois in summer '04. All County with 105 tackles and 10 sacks as a LB and rushed for 1,249 yards and 19 TD's as a senior. Ran for 1,106 yards and 15 TD's as an option QB as a junor. Illinois state qualifier in track.

Mike Nabolotny PS#112TE 6-6 240 Glenbrook South HS/Glenview, IL 1st team All Illinois by Pioneer Press and All Chicago area averaging 16 yards per reception as a senior. Played OG as a junior.

Doug Pilcher PS#97DL 6-5 230 Central HS/ Hinsdale, IL All Illinois playing on both sides of the ball as a senior. Racked up 97 tackles, 21 tackles for loss, and 18 sacks as a DL and 9 receptions with 2 TD's in '04.

Rodney Pittman PS#155LB 6-2 190 Friendly HS/ Ft Washington, MD All Maryland honoree with 132 tackles, 8 sacks and 2 interceptions as a senior.

DL Sam Porter PS#93LB 6-1 221 Morgan Park HS/Chicago, IL 4.6 speed. All Illinois player who compiled 127 tackles, 12 tackles for loss and 11 sacks at LB as a senior.

Trevor Scott PS#351OL 6-3 270 Peach County HS/Ft Valley, GA Prospect that is still growing and may eventually be tried on the DL. 3 year starter on Georgia state semifinalist.

Rahkeem Smith PS#105LB 6-1 213 Willowbrook HS/Lombard, IL All Chicago area performer who had 82 tackles, 7 tackles for loss and 7 sacks at LB and rushed for 783 yards and 9 TD's as a senior. Iowa commitment in September '04 until offer was rescinded.

Tremayne Walker PS#675OL 6-3 285 James Rickards HS/Tallahassee, FL May be tried as a DT even though he was an All conference performer on the OL as a senior. Placed #2 in Tallahassee weightlifting championships.

DL Sirod Williams PS#201LB 6-0 226 Garfield Hts HS/Garfield Hts, OH. 4.5 speed. 35" verticle jump. 365 bench, 450 squat. 1st team All OH with 70 tackles, 11 tackles for loss and 11 sacks as a senior. Torn ACL as a junior but returned to action in 3 months.

P Steve Weatherford

NFL DRAFT

2005

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	60	Kelvin Hayden	CB	Indianapolis
4	122	Raymond Preston	C	Buffalo

2004

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
5	159	Sean Bubin	OT	Jacksonville
7	233	Christian Morton	DB	New England

2003

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	36	Eugene Wilson	CB	New England
4	124	Brandon Lloyd	WR	San Francisco
5	160	David Diehl	OG	NY Giants
5	173	Tony Pashos	OT	Baltimore
7	226	Walter Young	WR	Carolina

2002

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
5	158	Kurt Kittner	QB	Atlanta

2001

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
5	144	Marques Sullivan	OT	Buffalo
6	174	Jameel Cook	FB	Tampa Bay

2000

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
6	169	Neil Rackers	K	Cincinnati
7	245	Danny Clark	LB	Jacksonville

1999

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
6	197	JP Machado	C	NY Jets

1998

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	37	Robert Holcombe	FB	St Louis

1997

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
6	181	Dennis Stallings	LB	Tennessee

1996

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	2	Kevin Hardy	LB	Jacksonville
1	3	Simeon Rice	DE	Arizona
3	69	Ken Blackman	OT	Cincinnati

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES PAST HISTORIES

2001 SUGAR BOWL LSU 47 ILLINOIS 34

LSU really dominated this game, despite the somewhat close score. LSU led 27-0 with 4:42 left before the half, on **THREE** TD runs by Domanick Davis and a 5 yd TD pass from Rohan Davey to Josh Reed. Illinois drove 75 yds in 3 plays and scored on a 2 yd TD pass from Kurt Kittner to Brian Hodges. LSU drove 73 yds in 10 plays and Davey hit a 7 yd TD pass to Robert Royal, 34-7 at the half. The Illini didn't give up and marched 70 yds in 4 plays for a 17 yd TD pass from Kittner to Brandon Lloyd, 34-14 with 10:35 left 3Q. LSU hit a 32 yard TD pass from Davey to Reed, 41-14. Kittner hit a 10 yd TD pass to Lloyd and it was 41-21 after 3Q's. Kittner hit a 17 yd TD pass to Walter Young with 11:33 left in the 4Q, 41-28. LSU RB Davis got his 4th TD run of the day (Sugar Bowl record) from 4 yds out, 47-28 (2ptng) . The Illini finished the scoring with a 40 yd pass from Lloyd to Young, 47-34 (2ptng) with 5:41 left in the game. LSU had a 32-14 FD edge and a 595-363 yardage edge.

1999 MICRONPC.COM BOWL ILLINOIS 63 VIRGINIA 21

This would be the Illini's first bowl appearance in 5 years and pitted two evenly matched 7-4 squads. Illinois' dominated with 611 total yards and 9 TDs for the impressive 63-21 win. On their first drive QB Kurt Kittner led the team 71 yds and capped it off with a 1 yard TD run. Virginia answered right back with a 7 yd run by Thomas Jones. The Illini would then score 35 unanswered points including a flea-flicker pass from WR Brandon Lloyd to Kittner for 30 yds and it was 42-7 at the half. Kittner threw a school record 24th TD pass on a 1 yard reception to Jameel Cook. The Illini broke 22 Illinois and Micronpc.com Bowl records and scored the 2nd most point in college bowl history. Kittner was named the bowl MVP with is 4 TD performance.

1994 LIBERTY BOWL ILLINOIS 30 E CAROLINA 0

Illinois was making its 6th bowl appearance in 7 years and dominated from the beginning. The Illini took a 14-0 1Q lead with TD passes from QB Johnny Johnson to *Ken Dilger for 17 yards and Jasper Strong for* **73 yards.** In the 2Q they added a 21 yard Chris Richardson FG, 17-0 and followed it up with a 5 yard TD pass to Jason Dulick, 24-0. Illinois finished up the scoring with another Johnson TD pass to Ty Douthard for 30 yards, 30-0 xp was NG. Johnson earned the bowl MVP with 250 yards passing and 4 TD passes. The Illini defense also had a solid game as they had 4 interceptions, 1 fmbl and allowed only 271 total yards. The 30-0 victory was the most lopsided win in Liberty Bowl history and the only shutout among 1994 Bowls. This would also be Illinois first bowl win since 1990.

1992 HOLIDAY BOWL HAWAII 27 ILLINOIS 17

HC Lou Tepper ended his first full year at the helm by leading the Illini to its 5th consecutive bowl appearance which was the longest streak in school history. The Illini started off quick, driving 73 yards and capped it with a 14 yard TD pass from QB Jason Verduzco to John Wright. At the end of the 1Q UH's Travis Sims capped off a 64 yd drive by taking it in from 6 yards to tie it up, 7-7. Illinois came back on the next drive and Chris Richardson kicked a 19 yd FG to make it 10-7 at the half. In the 3Q UH went back to basics, sticking to their triple option and would score 20 unanswered points before the Illini got back on the scoreboard. Hawaii went 80 yds in 13 plays to open up the 2H and Sims put it in from the 1. On their next possession UH drove 62 yards on 16 plays and settled for a Jason Elam 45 yd FG, 17-10 end of 3Q. Illini opened the 4Q with a botched lateral which UH recovered on the 21. Illinois defense would hold UH to just a 37 yd FG. On their next possession, Illinois threw an int. UH would score again on a 53 yd TD pass, 27-10 with 7:11 left. Illini finally scored a TD with 4:42 remaining on a Wright 18 yd TD reception and UH ran out the clock.

1991 JOHN HANCOCK BOWL UCLA 6 ILLINOIS 3

Two weeks prior to the bowl, John Mackovic took the HC job at Texas and Lou Tepper would take over. Both defenses came to play as Illinois held UCLA to just 268 total yards and the Bruins held the Illini to just 308. Illinois did miss an early scoring opportunity when QB Jason Verduzco was intercepted at the Bruin goal line. Illinois' defense, however, forced a UCLA fumble 6 plays later, but the Illini turned the ball back over at their own 24 yard line after a blk'd punt. Illinois would hold UCLA to a 32 yard Louis Perez FG, 3-0. UCLA would give up a 27 yard Chris Richardson FG and the score was tied 3-3 at the end of the 3Q. On the opening drive of the 4Q, Illinois fumbled a UCLA punt at their 11 which led to a 19 yard FG and the loss.

ILLINOIS DRAFT FACTS:

Illinois has had a player drafted every year since 1973. In the Ron Turner era, 16 players were drafted, but with the exception of 2003 when 5 players were chosen, every other year since 1998, only 1 or 2 players were selected. UI has had three #1 overall draft choices with the last one being QB Jeff George in 1990. Seven of the 20 players drafted in the last 10 years were offensive linemen including four offensive tackles. Surprisingly, the college home of AA LB Dick Butkus hasn't had a LB drafted since Danny Clark was chosen in the 7th round in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2005

QUARTERBACKS -In 2002 the Cats had to replace Zak Kustok, who was brilliant at running their spread offense and completed 57.2% in 2001 with a 20-10 ratio. Brett Basanez (PS#24) won the job and led all frosh in the NCAA with 2,204 yards (58.5%) and a 7-7 ratio. He suffered a broken fibula and missed two games, so Derell Jenkins (PS#33) was forced to burn his redshirt vs Indiana for just one series. Basanez got off to a good start in 2003 but against Air Force imploded in the 4Q hitting just 1 of his final 15 passes with 3 int's in the last 5:49 which cost them the game. Alexander Webb (PS#91), who has 4.5 speed, was brought in at times to run the QB draw but lacked arm strength. Basanez struggled and having an inexperienced receiving corps did not help. For the season he threw for 1,916 yards (53.6%) with a poor 4-12 ratio while rushing for 480 gross yards. Last year Webb transferred out of the program and the backup QB was Chris Malleo (PS#148). Basanez got the season started on a great note throwing for 513 yards and 4 TD's vs TCU. He was injured in the 2H vs Minnesota, but Malleo played in only four games and had 36 ttl yards. Basanez moved past Kustok to #2 on the all-time passing list here and threw for 2,838 yards (53.7%) with a 12-9 ratio while rushing for 361 gross yards. If he remains healthy, he will set Northwestern's career records in passing (needs 529 yards), completions and total offense. Malleo moved to FB. CJ Bacher (PS#35) was on the travel squad last year and has the big arm and athleticism that Walker covets in a QB. Also in the mix are Jeremy Vesta (6-3 195 rFr), Anthony Ward (6-1 200 Jr) and this year's true frosh.

QB Brett Basanez

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 the Cats had to replace the school's all-time leading rusher in Damien Anderson. Jason Wright rushed for 1,234 yards (5.6) with Noah Herron (PS#72) chipping in 365 (5.5). Wright was injured and basically missed four games in 2003 but finished with a bang with 180 yards vs Penn St, 251 vs Illinois and a Motor City Bowl record 336 all-purp yards (237 rush) finishing with 1,388 yards (5.2) and 20 TD's. Herron had 180 yards vs Penn St and at 230 lbs was a solid power back. Terrell Jordan had 253 yards (5.5) in 2003 and battled Herron for the starting job last year. Herron had 33 rushes for 113 yds in their win over Ohio St, rushed for 197 yards vs Indiana and had an outstanding 175 yards vs a tough Penn St defense. He finished with 1,381 yards (5.0) to become the eighth Northwestern 1,000 yard rusher in the last ten years (5 in L/6Y under Walker). Jordan had 315 yards (4.8). This year they must replace Herron (#7DC PIT, 36 rec). Not listed are Akeem Hunter (5-11 205 rFr, PS#177, 4.39 spd), Gerard Hamlett (5-10 185 rFr, PS#203). An interesting addition this year is Ohio's all-time HS leading rusher in Tyrell Sutton (PS#24), who has a chance to win the starting job as a true frosh. It will be interesting to see if the Cats can find yet another 1,000 yard rusher.

RECEIVERS - Northwestern's receiving corps was very banged up in 2003 and last year they had to replace two of their top three receivers. Mark Philmore (HM B10) took command of the group and after eight games was #2 in the Big 10 in receptions with 54 (11.7), but he was injured and missed the rest of the year. He still finished as the team's #1 receiver with #2 being Jonathan Fields who also had 8 starts with 48 grabs (11.7). This year they get Philmore back and the only losses are WR's Ashton Aikens (11 st, 32 rec), Eric Batis (1 st), Frank Bass (1 st) and TE Taylor Jones (2 st, 7 rec). Fields is one of the team's fastest players and had 3 TD's and 202 yards receiving vs TCU. Not listed are WR TJ Jones (6-2 180 So) and TE Sean Mansfield (6-3 245 Sr). This group is very experienced and should improve upon 2004's numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Despite having to replace 3 starters and being hit hard by injuries early in the 2003 season, the Wildcats' O-line paved the way for 4.7 ypc rushing while yielding just 23 sacks. Last year basically everyone returned including 4 VHT starters and I named them the #7 OL in the country. The unit performed well as they opened holes for 4.6 ypc rushing and allowed just 12 sacks (2.6%). This year they must replace LT Trai Essex (#3DC PIT, 12 st, 3 yr st'r, PS#2TE), LG Ike Ndukwe (12 st, 2 yr st'r, PS#76) and RG Matt Ulrich (12 st, 3 yr st'r, PS#66). This still looks like a decent OL with 7 of the top 10 back, but they are less experienced and have just one VHT in the 2 deep.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Northwestern had a deadly combination on the D-line as they were small, young and inexperienced. During the year they were overwhelmed at times and allowed 314 ypg rushing (5.4) while the defense recorded an amazingly low 6 sacks on the year. In 2003 they had to replace 3 players who combined for four starts and the unit performed much better trimming the ypg allowed by 150 yards (164 ypg) and the ypc improved to 4.1 with 20 sacks. Last year all four starters returned, but their star DE Loren Howard, who had 8 sacks and 8 tfl in 2003, had ankle surgery in August and was thought to be out for the season. He did return however and started the final five games even though he wasn't 100% and had 3 sacks and 2 tfl. NW still improved again allowing 25 ypg less (139 ypg) rushing (3.6) while recording 23 sacks. This year they do suffer some losses including outstanding DT Luis Castillo (#1DC SD, 12 st, 75 tkl, 9 tfl, 2nd Tm B10), DE Colby Clark (12 st, 39 tkl, 2.5 sk), DE David Thompson (6 st, 16 tkl, 2 tfl) and Ryan Keenan who moved to the OL midseason LY. Howard and Barry Cofield make this a solid unit, but they are less experienced and not quite as deep as the 2004 version.

LINEBACKERS - The Cats had a veteran LB corps in 2003 but last year had to replace one starter (#2 tkl'r) and two backups who combined for 55 tackles. They appeared in solid shape with 2 starters back and starting SLB Adam Kadela had 15 tackles and 3 tfl in the first 3 games, but broke his leg. OLB John Pickens missed 3 starts with injury. Tim McGarigle was the star of the unit and has led the team in tackles each of the last two seasons. Last year he was #1 in the NCAA in solo tackles (102) and #1 in total tkls (151). This year the only loss from the 2 deep is Pickens (8 st, 63 tkl, 5 sk). Phil Brunner (6-1 210 rFr, PS#245QB), Rejaie Johnson (6-1 225 rFr, PS#195) and most of this year's solid class of true frosh are available. This figures to be one of the most underrated LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003 NW lost two starters to graduation and moved RB Jeff Backes to a CB spot. The secondary was banged up but they still managed to move up from their #115 finish in my pass D rankings in 2002 to #79. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups. They then lost projected starting CB Marquice Cole, who is one of the team's fastest players, to a broken ankle and the other CB Backes missed 3 starts. The unit still moved up to #60 allowing 251.8 ypg (56.2%) with a 25-8 ratio vs a Top 20 slate of opposing QB's. This year they lose CB Marvin Ward (12 st, 65 tkl, 3 int, 14 pbu), SS Dominique Price (12 st, 93 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu) and FS Derell Jenkins (11 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back. FS Heinz moves to SS and Cole returns. NW could move up in the pass D rankings once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cats finished #90 in my special teams rankings in 2002 and in 2003 Walker spoke of the outstanding speed the team had and how it would benefit this unit. However they finished just #92. They struggled mightily on FG's as they hit just 2 of 7 with a long of 39 before P Brian Huffman (PS#8) took over and hit 5 of 7 FG's with a long of 38. Last year they had almost everyone back and still finished #95. FG's were again a problem as Huffman missed an amazing 5 FG's vs TCU and hit just 7 of 17 with a long of 41. Joel Howells hit 4 of 5 with a long of 46 in the final 3 games. He also handled the KO's over the last 3 and had 7 TB's on 20 KO's after Huffman had just 3 on 34. Huffman averaged 39.1 punting and Ryan Pederson had 22 punts (36.8) as NU was just #107 in net punting (31.2). On the plus side, they had two solid PR's in Mark Philmore (10.4) and Jeff Backes (12.8) with Backes' 73 yard PR vs Illinois being a key to that victory. Backes averaged 30.3 on 11 KR's and Terrell Jordan averaged 23.8 on 17 KR's. There is some decent talent here, and they should move well up in the special teams rankings.

COACHES - 2000's Big 10 Coach of the Year Randy Walker is back for his seventh year as the head man. He has led NW to 2 bowl games, which is quite an accomplishment as the Wildcats have played in just 5 in their history. At Miami (OH) he was 59-35-5 as the head coach. His OC is Mike Dunbar who enters his 4th year at that spot here and was a head coach at both N Iowa and C Washington. DC Greg Colby is also in his 4th year in that role and was the DC at Kent St from 1998 to 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the last 10 years NU has three Big 10 titles, the same amount as Ohio St and just 2 less than Michigan. In 2000 the Big 10 media selected NU last in the league. I went out on a limb and called them the 4th most improved team in the country and they were an amazing 8-3 during the regular season. In 2001 the media overreacted picking them 1st. I didn't make too many Wildcat fans happy when I pegged them for 9th in the B10 after they'd benefitted from +13 in turnovers the prior year. That 2001 team fell to 4-7. In 2002 with just 9 starters back they were 3-9 but in 2003 they once again made my most improved list with 15 starters back. The defense allowed 16 ppg less than 2002 and the team went to its first bowl in 3 years. In 2003, despite being 4-4 in league play, they were actually outgained by 75.7 ypg. Last year they had 17 starters back and the Cats' O-line and D-line were also among the best in the Big 10. They finished the year 5-3 in conf play including a solid win over Ohio St with a 444-308 yard edge. They finished with the same 6-6 regular season record that they did in 2003, but did not get to a bowl. The record could have been better as they lost to TCU in double OT, a game in which they missed 5 FG's. Versus Ariz St, they trailed by 6 and had the ball at the ASU 22 but fumbled and then allowed ASU to drive for a FG with 1:19 left to put it out of reach. Against Hawaii they were driving for the tying score when a phantom int at the UH 11 ended the game. The Cats could've finished 9-3 but they also could have been 2-10 as Kansas missed a 43 yard FG with 1:18 left. They had OT wins over Indiana and Illinois and they upset Purdue getting a TD with :38 left with Kyle Orton being pulled due to injury in the 3Q. The Wildcats are looking to become the first Northwestern team since 1931 to win 6 or more games for three consecutive seasons. NU is a team that overachieves on a yearly basis in the Big 10, but this looks like a rebuilding year with just 12 starters back, the 2nd fewest in a much improved conf. I think it will be tough for the Wildcats to match last year's 6 win total, especially with few winnable home games in Big 10 play.

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RANDY WALKER (Career 89-76-5)
7th Yr at Northwestern
Walker's SU Bowl Record: 0-2

2004 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (16,18,3)
Lost: 17 (6,9,2)

2004 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,408

	HC	OC	DC
2004	Randy Walker	Mike Dunbar	Greg Colby
2003	Randy Walker	Mike Dunbar	Greg Colby
2002	Randy Walker	Mike Dunbar	Greg Colby
2001	Randy Walker	Kevin Wilson	Jerry Brown
2000	Randy Walker	Kevin Wilson	Jerry Brown
1999	Randy Walker	Kevin Wilson	Jerry Brown
1998	Gary Barnett	Greg Meyer	Jerry Brown
1997	Gary Barnett	Greg Meyer	Jerry Brown

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2005 Schedule Difficulty-#3

Date	Opponent	TURF	Final Score NU	Final Score Opp
Sep. 3	Ohio	G		
Sep. 10	N Illinois	G		
Sep. 17	at Arizona St	G		
Sep. 24	Penn St	G		
Oct. 1				
Oct. 8	Wisconsin	G		
Oct. 15	at Purdue	G		
Oct. 22	at Michigan St	G		
Oct. 29	Michigan (HC)	G		
Nov. 5	Iowa	G		
Nov. 12	at Ohio St	G		
Nov. 19	at Illinois	A		
Nov. 26				

CB Jeff Backes

LAST 7 YEARS BIG 10 RANKINGS

	Big 10 Record	Finished	Total OFF	Total DEF	Avg Scoring Big 10 Play
2004	6-2	#4	368	361	21.0-24.8
2003	4-4	#7	346	422	18.5-25.3
2002	1-7	#10	400	495	21.3-41.5
2001	2-6	#10	400	471	24.6-37.5
2000	6-2	#1 (T)	511	433	42.1-33.9
1999	1-7	#10	289	418	13.3-31.8
1998	0-8	#11	258	389	11.6-31.4

TOP 5 CAREER RECORD LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
1. Len Williams 7,487	1. Damien Anderson 4,485	1. D'Wayne Bates 3,370
2. Zak Kustok 5,822	2. Darnel Autry 3,793	2. Richard Buchanan 2,474
3. Mike Greenfield 5,803	3. Bob Christian 2,643	3. Lee Gissendaner 1,878
4. Sandy Schwab 5,679	4. Jason Wright 2,625	4. Kunle Patrick 1,873
5. Steve Schnur 5,612	5. Greg Boykin 2,465	5. Scott Yelvington 1,762

LAST 10 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	OPPONENT	SCORE
48	Rose	California	20-14
95	Rose	USC	32-41
96	Citrus	Tennessee	28-48
00	Alamo	Nebraska	17-66
03	Motor City	Bowling Green	24-28

Northwestern's All-Time SU Bowl Record 1-4

Last 6 Big 10 Titles
2000 1936
1996 1931
1995 1930

AP/Cch/UPI Nat'l Champs
None

STADIUM: RYAN FIELD (47,130)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	10 Yr Total
Record	10-1	9-2	5-7	3-9	3-8	8-3	4-7	3-9	6-6	6-6	57-58
Home	5-1	5-0	3-3	1-5	2-4	5-1	2-3	2-4	2-4	5-1	32-26
Away	5-0	4-2	2-4	2-4	1-4	3-2	2-4	1-5	4-2	1-5	25-32

NORTHWESTERN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 10 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	24.6	22	172	4.6	237	53.8	16.7	+4	2004	9	28.5	21	139	3.6	252	56.2	13.7
7*	20.2	19	212	4.7	163	53.1	18.6	-2	2003	8	25.1	21	164	4.1	253	61.1	16.6
4	22.7	21	157	4.3	232	57.9	17.2	-6	2002	5	41.1	25	314	5.4	189	60.3	12.2
10*	29.1	25	186	4.1	257	57.3	15.2	-1	2001	6	34.4	25	205	4.4	263	55.4	13.6
7*	36.8	23	255	5.1	213	56.3	12.7	+13	2000	9	33.3	22	205	4.6	222	52.5	12.8
6	12.8	16	141	3.1	143	41.8	22.2	-6	1999	6	27.4	19	188	4.3	200	48.3	14.2
3	17.8	15	93	2.5	202	53.1	16.6	-3	1998	5	28.1	18	163	3.8	207	53.3	13.1
3	20.3	17	132	3.5	188	54.7	15.8	+9	1997	6	24.0	21	189	4.2	203	59.8	16.3
9*	28.0	22	158	3.9	224	60.2	13.7	+5	1996	4	23.2	19	139	3.6	208	57.4	15.0
5*	25.9	16	170	4.1	158	55.1	12.7	+19	1995	8	15.1	18	128	3.2	202	57.0	21.9

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Noah Herron	274	1447	66	1381	14	5.0
Terrell Jordan	65	336	21	315	3	4.8
Brett Basanez	83	361	103	258	5	3.1
Jonathan Fields	7	60	0	60	0	8.6
Chris Malleo	7	34	8	26	0	3.7
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brett Basanez	460	247	53.7	2838	12	9
Chris Malleo	3	2	66.7	10	0	0
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mark Philmore		54	633	11.7	2	52
Jonathan Fields		48	560	11.7	4	69
Shaun Herbert		32	465	14.5	1	62
Ashton Aikens		32	401	12.5	0	49
Noah Herron		36	351	9.8	1	35
Brandon Horn		24	205	8.5	2	24
Kim Thompson		11	122	11.1	1	24
Taylor Jones		7	75	10.7	1	30
Terrell Jordan		4	29	7.2	0	11
Erryn Cobb		1	7	7.0	0	7
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Huffman	53	2074	39.1	10	31.2	1	12
Ryan Pederson	22	809	36.8		(tm)	0	5
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brian Huffman	23-24	3-6	1-5	3-6	0-0	7-17	41
Joel Howells	9-10	1-1	1-2	2-2	0-0	4-5	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tim McGarigle	151	1	5	4	1
Dominique Price	93	1	4	4	2
Nick Roach	83	5	3	3	0
Luis Castillo	75	2	7	0	0
Bryan Heinz	67	0	1	1	1
Marvin Ward	65	0	2	14	3
John Pickens	63	5	1	0	0
Barry Cofield	52	3.5	2	3	0
Herschel Henderson	49	0	1	2	0
Jeff Backes	45	0	0	8	1
Colby Clark	39	2.5	2	2	0
Demetrius Eaton	33	0	1	1	0
Loren Howard	22	3	2	0	0
Trevor Schultz	17	0	1	0	0
David Thompson	16	1	1	0	0
Adam Kadela	15	1	2	0	0
Reggie McPherson	13	0	0	1	0
Derell Jenkins	11	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Mark Philmore	14	145	10.4	0	
Jeff Backes	10	128	12.8	1	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Terrell Jordan	17	405	23.8	0	
Jeff Backes	11	333	30.3	1	
Derell Jenkins	10	210	21.0	0	

2004 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at TCU	32	38-124	3.3	39-62	513	0	22	36-157	4.4	20-38	368	2	+1
Arizona St	25	42-235	5.6	21-38	228	3	23	41-139	3.4	19-36	292	2	-1
Kansas	20	32-145	4.5	20-33	192	2	22	26-47	1.8	32-51	303	2	+1
at Minnesota	13	27-140	5.2	14-28	127	0	22	52-251	4.8	14-23	203	0	-1
Ohio St	24	39-166	4.3	24-44	278	0	20	37-97	2.6	18-38	211	4	0
Indiana	29	40-229	5.7	28-48	254	1	24	40-100	2.5	27-50	329	1	+1
at Wisconsin	23	36-149	4.1	16-37	185	2	19	53-208	3.9	13-21	178	1	+1
Purdue	14	33-130	3.9	11-30	148	1	20	41-122	3.0	20-42	210	1	+2
at Penn St	22	44-186	4.2	15-27	205	1	13	30-97	3.2	21-35	183	2	-1
at Michigan	21	34-190	5.6	24-44	215	1	24	39-231	5.9	20-29	190	3	0
Illinois	15	35-155	4.4	18-31	184	1	20	50-128	2.6	20-33	149	4	0
at Hawaii	24	46-216	4.7	19-41	319	0	27	23-93	4.0	31-58	405	1	+1
TOTALS	262	446-2065	4.6	249-463	2848	12	256	468-1670	3.6	255-454	3021	23	+4
AVERAGES	21.8	37-172	4.6	21-39	237	1.0	21.3	39-139	3.6	21-38	252	1.9	0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Miami, Oh	3-28 L
TCU	17-7 W
at Duke	15-12 W
at Purdue	23-31 L
Minnesota	14-33 L
at Indiana	17-34 L
Iowa	23-21 W
Wisconsin	19-35 L
at Michigan	3-37 L
Michigan St	0-34 L
at Illinois	7-29 L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
N Illinois	35-17 W
Duke	38-5 W
at TCU	14-41 L
at Wisconsin	2OT 47-44 W
at Michigan St	37-17 W
Indiana	52-33 W
Purdue	28-41 L
at Minnesota	41-35 W
Michigan	54-51 W
at Iowa	17-27 L
Illinois	61-23 W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at UNLV	37-28 W
at Duke	44-7 W
Michigan St	27-26 W
at Ohio St	20-38 L
Minnesota	23-17 W
Penn St	35-38 L
at Purdue	27-32 L
at Indiana	21-56 L
Iowa	16-59 L
Bowling Green	42-43 L
at Illinois	28-34 L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at Air Force	3-52 L
TCU	24-48 L
Duke	26-21 W
at Navy	49-40 W
at Michigan St	24-39 L
Ohio St	16-27 L
at Minnesota	42-45 L
at Penn St	0-49 L
Purdue	13-42 L
Indiana	41-37 W
at Iowa	10-62 L
Illinois	24-31 L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at Kansas	28-20 W
Air Force	21-22 L
Miami, Oh	14-44 L
at Duke	28-10 W
at Ohio St	0-20 L
Minnesota	17-42 L
at Indiana	OT 37-31 W
Wisconsin	16-7 W
at Purdue	14-34 L
Penn St	17-7 W
Michigan	10-41 L
at Illinois	37-20 W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at TCU	2OT 45-48 L
Arizona St	21-30 L
Kansas	20-17 W
at Minnesota	17-43 L
Ohio St	OT 33-27 W
Indiana	2OT 31-24 W
at Wisconsin	12-24 L
Purdue	13-10 W
at Penn St	14-7 W
at Michigan	20-42 L
Illinois	28-21 W
at Hawaii	OT 41-49 L

NORTHWESTERN 2005 DEPTH CHART

WR Mark Philmore

OFFENSE

WR
#3 SHAUN HERBERT JR.
6-1 200 **PS#115**
6 sts, 12 gms, 32 rec (14.5), game tying TD rec vs TCU LY. 4 sts, 10 rec (10.5) as rFr.

#5 BRANDON HORN SR.
6-1 220 **PS#81**
6 sts, 11 gms, 24 rec (8.5), game winning TD rec vs Kansas LY. 3 sts, 12 gms, 10 rec (28.5) in '03. 11 gms, 6 rec (12.0) as true.

RB
#26 TERRELL JORDAN SR.
5-10 200 **PS#240**
Inj'd in spring. 2 sts, 12 gms, 315 yds (4.8), 17 KR (23.8) LY. 12 gms, 253 yds (5.5) in '03. 10 gms, 10 tkls as CB & sp tms as true.

#29 BRANDON ROBERSON SO.
5-9 195 **PS#85**
#1 TB in spring due to inj's. 11 gms, 15 yds, 3 KR (12.7) as true.

FB
#44 ERRYN COBB JR.
6-1 255 **PS#152DL**
12 gms, 1 rec, 9 tkls as FB, TE & sp tms LY. 13 gms, 2 tkls mostly sp tms but LB in bowl as rFr.

#49 FRAYNE ABERNATHY SO.
6-3 245 **PS#357DL**
10 gms as bkup TE & FB. QB in HS but missed half of Sr year with broken leg.

K
#93 JOEL HOWELLS JR.
6-4 225
Won K/KO jobs in L/3 gms of '04, 4 of 5 FG, long of 46, 7 TB on 20 KO's. #2 K, 0 of 1 FG, KO duties in 1 gm in '03. Walk-on.

#15 SLADE LARSCHEID JR.
6-1 205
Starting K for 1st 7 gms of '03 until inj, 2 of 6 FG. long of 39. Walk-on. QB in HS.

QB
#14 BRETT BASANEZ SR.
6-2 210 **PS#24**
HM Big 10, 12 sts, #2 Big 10 total offense & pass yds with 2838 yds (54%), 12-9 ratio, 361 rush yds LY. 13 sts, 1916 yds (54%). 4-12 ratio, 480 rush yds in '03. 9 sts, #1 Big 10 total offense with 2204 yds (59%), 235 rush yds, 7-7 ratio as rFr.

#18 CJ BACHER rFR.
6-2 190 **PS#35**
#2 QB in spring. Strong arm. 40-3 record as starter in HS.

WR
#9 MARK PHILMORE SR.
5-10 185 **PS#255**
#9 NU history in rec's, 11.6 career PR avg. HM Big 10, 8 sts (inj), 54 rec (11.7) LY. 2 sts, 9 gms (inj), 23 rec (9.9) in '03. 1 st, 12 gms, 31 rec (7.9) as true.

#84 KIM THOMPSON SO.
6-4 195 **PS#319**
4 sts due to Philmore's inj, 12 gms, 11 rec (11.1) as rFr.

RT
#63 ZACH STRIEF SR.
6-7 335 **PS#99**
NFL prospect. 2nd tm Big 10, 12 sts at RT LY. HM Big 10, 13 sts at RT in '03. L/3 sts at RT as rFr.

#59 ALEX RUCKS rFR.
6-4 300 **PS#117**
RS'd his 1st season.

RG
#56 RYAN KEENAN JR.
6-4 290 **PS#113DL**
1 st at DE, 12 gms, 10 tkls, 2 tfl, moved to OL midyr LY. 1 st at DT, 12 gms, 26 tkls as rFr.

#62 AUSTIN MATTHEWS SO.
6-5 285 **PS#181**
2nd string OG as rFr. C on scout tm as true.

C
#50 TREVOR REES JR.
6-2 285 **PS#157**
Quick, 12 sts at C LY. Last 9 sts at C as true. Walker said he made them a better team.

#77 ADAM CRUM SO.
6-1 280 **PS#500LB**
2nd string C LY. Wrestler, AK Heisman winner in HS.

LG
#71 JOE TRIPODI JR.
6-3 300 **PS#104**
2nd string at both OG spots in '04. Banged up as rFr due to spring car accident.

#52 JOEL BELDING rFR.
6-3 300 **PS#130**
400 bench. 2 time All OH, 117 pancakes as HS Sr.

LT
#74 DYLAN THIRY SO.
6-8 300 **PS#304**
2nd string OT as rFr.

#75 VINCE CLARKE SR.
6-5 305 **PS#461**
Career stalled by inj. DNP in '04 due to elbow injury. 2nd string in '03.

WR
#1 JONATHAN FIELDS SR.
5-8 175 **PS#221DB**
8 sts, 12 gms, 48 rec (11.7), 1 of team's fastest LY. DNP in '03 due to failed conditioning test. 2 rec as rFr.

#32 SAM CHEATHAM SO.
5-10 180 **PS#47**
Spent '04 as backup, no rec's. 4.45 speed.

DEFENSE

DE
#66 LOREN HOWARD SR.
6-4 280 **PS#33**
L/5 sts (inj), 22 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 qbh despite not being 100% LY. HM Big 10, 13 sts, 68 tkls, 16 tfl, 15 qbh in '03. 12 sts, 81 tkls, 13 tfl as true.

#91 MARK KOEHN SO.
6-3 260 **PS#147RB**
Back up LY. Bulked up in RS season. RB in HS.

DT
#67 BARRY COFIELD SR.
6-4 305 **PS#88**
Moved to DT in spring. 11 sts at DE, 52 tkls, 5.5 tfl LY. 12 sts at DE, 46 tkls, 2 tfl, 6 qbh in '03. 12 gms, 36 tkls, 2 tfl as true.

#68 RON BARDWELL JR.
6-3 315 **PS#378**
Injury plagued career. 2nd string if healthy.

DT
#53 TREVOR SCHULTZ JR.
6-2 285 **PS#228OL**
12 gms, 17 tkls, 1 tfl, considered 5th DL starter LY. 12 gms, 12 tkls as true.

#58 WARREN ANDERSON SO.
6-3 265 **PS#129**
Backup last year while making strides in the weight room. 42 sks, 51 tfl in HS career.

DE
#72 DAVID NGENE SO.
6-3 270 **PS#151OL**
8 gms, 2 tkls, 1 qbh, slowed by knee scope LY. 82 pancakes as HS Sr, 1265 combined lift as weightlifter.

#95 KEVIN MIMS rFR.
6-3 260 **PS#86**
Could eventually be moved to DT if he adds bulk. 22 tfl, 9 sks as HS Sr.

CB
#20 MARQUICE COLE JR.
5-9 185 **PS#317**
Medical RS in '04 due to broken ankle. Team's fastest with 4.3 speed prior to injury. 4 sts, 12 gms, 21 tkls in '03. 8 gms, 3 tkls as true.

#34 ANDRE BUTLER rFR.
5-11 180 **PS#196**
4.5 speed. 1 of IL's top HS sprinters with 10.7 100m.

OLB
#43 ADAM KADELA JR.
6-2 235 **PS#81**
1st 3 gms, 2 sts, 15 tkls, 3 tfl until inj LY (medical RS). 9 gms, 5 tkls as true.

#37 CAMPBELL BLACK JR.
6-3 225 **PS#229DB**
5 gms, 3 tkls as LB & sp tms LY. Moved from SS to LB as rFr. OK 4A DB of yr as HS Sr.

MLB
#41 TIM MCGARIGLE SR.
6-1 235 **PS#204**
1st tm Big 10, #1 NCAA total tkls with 151, 6 tfl, 4 pbu LY. HM Big 10, 11 sts, 140 tkls, 6 tfl in '03. 5 sts, 12 gms, 98 tkls, 1 tfl as true.

#42 DEMETRIUS EATON JR.
6-2 235 **PS#150RB**
2 sts at MLB, 12 gms, 33 tkls, 1 tfl, blk'd gm winning FG vs TCU, sk in 2nd OT to seal Indy win LY. Sp tms & goal line FB in '03.

OLB
#38 NICK ROACH JR.
6-2 230 **PS#116WR**
12 sts, 83 tkls, 5 sks, 3 tfl, tm's Defensive Newcomer of Yr LY. 13 gms, 19 tkls, 1 sk as true.

#NA CHRIS JESKE FR.
6-0 225 **PS#27**
1st tm All IL, Chicago Def POY as HS Sr. 508 tkls, 15 sks in HS career.

CB
#28 JEFF BACKES SR.
5-9 190 **PS#35**
4.37 speed. 8 sts, 45 tkls, 8 pbu, 10 PR (12.8), 11 KR (30.3) LY. 13 sts, 49 tkls, 5 pbu after moving to CB in spring '03. 251 total yds as WR/TB, 18 KR (26.2) as rFr. OH HS Mr FB.

#22 DEANTE BATTLE SO.
5-10 180 **PS#98**
12 gms, 7 tkls as rFr.

FS
#24 HERSCHEL HENDERSON SR.
6-3 195 **PS#353**
6 sts (4 at CB, 2 at FS), 49 tkls, 2 pbu LY. Medical RS in '03. 12 gms, 9 sts, 48 tkls, 4 pbu in '02. Burned RS in L/4 gms, 22 tkls as true.

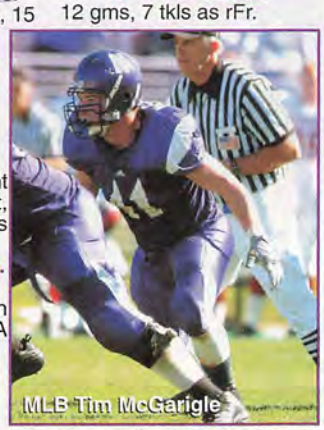
#27 REGGIE MCPHERSON SO.
6-1 190 **PS#161WR**
12 gms, 13 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr. 4.55 speed. WR on scout tm as true.

P
#90 RYAN PEDERSON JR.
6-3 215
22 punts , 36.8 avg, 5 inside the 20, 31.2 team net LY. #2 P as rFr. Goalie on soccer as true, 80 saves, 1.86 goals against avg.

#15 SLADE LARSCHEID SO.
6-1 205
#2 K LY. 1st 7 sts, 2 of 6 FG's until inj as rFr. Walk-on. HS QB, P: 41.9 avg as Jr.

SS
#21 BRYAN HEINZ JR.
6-1 205 **PS#438WR**
1st 10 sts until inj, 67 tkls, 1 int LY. 6 sts, 62 tkls, 3 pbu, 5 int, Tm's Def Newcomer of Yr as rFr. Walked-on as true.

#25 FREDERIC TARVER SR.
6-2 215 **PS#194WR**
11 gms, 4 tkls in '04. 3 yrs on scout tm after walking-on. #1 VA 110m hurdles as HS Sr.


MLB Tim McGarigle

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Offensive Coordinator: Mike Dunbar, 6th year
Dunbar enters his 5th season as the OC here after serving as the Cats TE/special teams coordinator in '01. He was a HC at N Iowa from '97-00 compiling a 29-15 mark and at NAIA C Washington from '86-91 with a 54-9-1 record.

Running Backs: Kevin Johns, 2nd year
Joined the squad just prior to the 2003 Motor City Bowl after working as Div IAA Richmond's WR coach in '02-03. Johns had been an offensive grad assistant at NW in Walker's first 3 seasons here from '99-01.

Wide Receivers: Garrick McGee, 2nd year
Became a member of the staff in December '03 after serving 1 year as the WR coach at UNLV. He spent the 2002 season mentoring the Toledo WR's and was the quality control coach of the Jacksonville Jaguars in '00-01.

TE/HB: Jack Glowik, 7th year
An original member of Walker's staff who is in his 4th season as the TE coach. Glowik coached the DL here from '99-01 and served as Walker's DL coach at Miami (OH) for 9 years.

Offensive Line: James Patton, 7th year
Another original staffer who has spent the L/4Y as the team's OL coach after being the TE/HB coach the first 2 years of Walker's tenure here. Patton followed Walker over from Miami (OH) where he spent the '98 season as the Redhawks TE coach.

DEFENSE

Defensive Coor: Greg Colby, 4th year
Arrived at NW in '02 after serving as the DC at Kent St from '98-01. His previous Big 10 experience includes Michigan St ('95-98 as DL/OLB coach) and Illinois ('88-95 as LB/sp teams coach).

Defensive Line: Eric Washington, 2nd year
Despite losing star DE Loren Howard, Washington's debut as the DL coach was successful in 2004 thanks to NFL #1 DC Luis Castillo. Washington spent '01-03 as Ohio University's DL Coach after serving as the DC at Naval Academy Prep school from '98-00.

LB's /Recruiting Coor: Pat Fitzgerald, 5th year
Fitzgerald, the Big 10 Defensive POY in the Cats' Rose Bowl season of '95, returned to his alma mater in '01 after serving 1 season as the LB coach at Idaho. He was the DB coach in '01 in his first year here before moving to coach the position which made him the only player to win both the Bednarik and Nagurski awards twice.

Assistant HC/DB: Jerry Brown, 13th year
The staff's senior member who previously was the DC here from '99-01. Brown also coached the pros as an assistant for Minnesota Vikings from '88-91.

Strength: Larry Lilja, 25th year
NW became the last school in the Big 10 to hire a full-time strength and conditioning in '81 when they hired the former NFL center. Lilja's proteges include 37 NFL DC's.

GAME BY GAME TEAM STATS

VERSUS	TCU	ARIZ ST	KANSAS	MINN	OHIO ST	IND	WISC	PUR	PENN ST	MICH	ILLINOIS	HAWAII	TOTALS
SCORE	45	21	20	17	33	31	12	13	14	20	28	41	295
FD's	32	25	20	13	24	29	23	14	22	21	15	24	262
TOTAL YARDS	637	463	337	267	444	483	334	278	391	405	339	535	4913
RUSH YARDS	38-124	42-235	32-145	27-140	39-166	40-229	36-149	33-130	44-186	34-190	35-155	46-216	446-2065
PASS YARDS	513	228	192	127	278	254	185	148	205	215	184	319	2848
COM-ATT	39-62	21-38	20-33	14-28	24-44	28-48	16-37	11-30	15-27	24-44	18-31	19-41	249-463
INT	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	9
SACKS VS/Yds	0-0	3-20	2-15	0-0	0-0	1-2	2-7	1-2	1-1	1-8	1-7	0-0	12-62
FUMBLES/Lost	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	2-0	0-0	3-0	11-2
OPPONENTS STATS													
SCORE	48	30	17	43	27	24	24	10	7	42	21	49	342
FD's	22	23	22	22	20	24	19	20	13	24	20	27	256
TOTAL YARDS	525	431	350	454	308	429	386	332	280	421	277	498	4691
RUSH YARDS	36-157	41-139	26-47	52-251	37-97	40-100	53-208	41-122	30-97	39-231	50-128	23-93	468-1670
PASS YARDS	368	292	303	203	211	329	178	210	183	190	149	405	3021
COM-ATT	20-38	19-36	32-51	14-23	18-38	27-50	13-21	20-42	21-35	20-29	20-33	31-58	255-454
INT	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	8
SACKS BY/Yds	2-7	2-15	2-13	0-0	4-28	1-6	1-3	1-9	2-7	3-14	4-24	1-2	23-128
FUMBLES/Lost	3-1	2-0	1-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	2-1	1-0	15-7

INDIVIDUAL GAME PERFORMANCES

RUSHING	TCU	ARZ ST	KAN	MINN	OHIO ST	IND	WISC	PUR	PENN ST	MICH	ILL	HAW
Noah Herron	28-94-2	17-105-1	18-85-0	11-78-0	33-113-2	29-197-3	19-109-1	19-82-1	30-175-1	23-156-1	20-97-2	27-90-0
Terrell Jordan	3-(-5)-0	14-85-1	5-49-0	9-19-0	0-0-0	1-3-0	5-37-0	5-24-1	6-15-1	3-2-0	7-40-0	7-46-0
Brett Basanez	7-35-0	8-30-1	8-7-1	2-15-1	6-53-0	9-10-0	11-2-0	9-24-0	6-(-6)-0	3-11-0	6-17-0	8-60-2
Jonathan Fields	–	2-22-0	1-4-0	0-0-0	–	1-19-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	1-8-0	1-2-0	0-0-0
Brandon Horn	–	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-16-0
PASSING												
Brett Basanez	39-62-1	21-38-0	20-33-0	13-26-1	24-44-2	28-48-1	16-37-1	11-30-0	15-27-1	23-43-1	18-31-1	19-41-1
(Com-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	513-4	228-0	192-1	121-0	278-2	254-1	185-1	148-0	205-0	211-1	184-1	319-1
RECEIVING												
Mark Philmore	12-131-0	6-91-0	7-113-0	5-27-0	11-134-1	4-37-0	5-41-1	4-59-0	–	–	–	–
Jonathan Fields	8-202-3	5-32-0	2-4-0	1-14-0	5-65-0	4-46-0	3-34-0	1-4-0	4-74-0	4-12-0	7-55-1	4-18-0
Shaun Herbert	5-43-1	2-44-0	2-21-0	1-25-0	3-27-0	1-7-0	4-54-0	1-29-0	3-52-0	2-18-0	3-35-0	5-110-0
Ashton Aikens	8-87-0	1-18-0	3-18-0	–	3-40-0	5-48-0	1-11-0	0-0-0	4-43-0	3-33-0	2-44-0	2-59-0
Noah Herron	4-39-0	2-1-0	2-11-0	4-44-0	2-12-1	5-41-0	2-34-0	4-50-0	2-10-0	4-36-0	4-38-0	1-35-0
Brandon Horn	–	4-35-0	3-17-1	1-6-0	–	6-62-0	1-11-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	5-29-1	1-6-0	3-39-0
Kim Thompson	1-3-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-11-0	4-46-0	0-0-0	3-52-1

NORTHWESTERN'S 2005 ROSTER

#	Name	Year	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown
49	Frayne Abernathy	SO	TE/FB	6-3	245	N Augusta, SC
58	Warren Anderson	SO	DE	6-3	265	Ventura, CA
18	CJ Bachér	rFR	QB	6-2	190	Sacramento, CA
28	Jeff Backes	SR	CB	5-9	190	Columbus, OH
68	Ron Bardwell	JR	DT	6-3	315	Robbins, IL
14	Brett Basanez	SR	QB	6-2	210	Arlington Hts, IL
22	Deante Battle	SO	CB	5-10	180	Fayetteville, GA
52	Joel Belding	rFR	OL	6-3	300	Seville, OH
65	Thomas Bemenderfer	FR	OL	6-5	270	Mishawaka, IN
37	Campbell Black	JR	LB	6-3	225	Oklahoma City, OK
35	Ryan Black	SO	CB	5-10	175	Pasadena, CA
12	Andrew Brewer	FR	QB	6-3	205	Tulsa, OK
19	Scott Brownley	JR	SAF	6-1	205	Schaumburg, IL
15	Phil Brunner	rFR	LB	6-1	210	S Milwaukee, WI
34	André Butler	rFR	SAF	5-11	180	Dolton, IL
32	Sam Cheatham	SO	WR	5-10	180	San Leandro, CA
57	Matt Clark	rFR	DL	6-3	290	Orlando, FL
75	Vince Clarke	SR	OL	6-5	305	El Cajon, CA
44	Erryn Cobb	JR	FB	6-1	255	Woodridge, IL
67	Barry Cofield	SR	DT	6-4	305	Cleveland Hts, OH
20	Marquice Cole	JR	CB	5-9	185	Hazel Crest, IL
65	Tyler Compton	FR	OL	6-5	290	Humble, TX
29	Omar Conteh	FR	RB	6-0	197	Cypress, TX
77	Adam Crum	SO	OL	6-1	280	Anchor Pt, AK
97	Kyle Daley	rFR	PK	6-0	180	Arlington, TX
60	Ramon Diaz	FR	OL	6-4	275	Morris, IL
31	Mike Dinard	FR	LB	6-2	230	Parma, OH
6	Cory Dious	JR	CB	5-9	165	Atlanta, GA
49	Tim Downing	rFR	CB	5-8	165	Novi, MI
42	Demetrius Eaton	JR	LB	6-2	235	Milwaukee, WI
10	Joseph Ferguson	JR	WR	6-1	195	Overland Park, KS
1	Jonathan Fields	SR	WR	5-8	175	Sweeny, TX
70	John Gill	FR	OL/DL	6-3	285	Los Altos Hills, CA
79	Adam Hahn	FR	DL	6-4	280	Hartford, WI
23	Gerard Hamlett	rFR	RB	5-10	185	Ft Lauderdale, FL
61	Dave Harper	rFR	DE	6-1	250	Streamwood, IL
21	Bryan Heinz	JR	SAF	6-1	205	Lone Tree, CO
24	Herschel Henderson	SR	SAF	6-3	195	Houston, TX
3	Shaun Herbert	JR	WR	6-1	200	Oxon Hill, MD
71	Tanner Highlen	FR	DL	6-2	275	Peoria, AZ
5	Brandon Horn	SR	WR	6-1	220	Farmington, MI
98	Chris Horton	SR	LS	6-2	255	Pickerington, OH
66	Loren Howard	SR	DE	6-4	280	Scottsdale, AZ
93	Joel Howells	JR	PK	6-4	220	Sycamore, IL
4	Akeem Hunter	rFR	RB	5-11	205	Chicago, IL
51	Chris Jeske	FR	LB	6-0	225	Yorkville, IL
48	Rejaie Johnson	rFR	LB	6-1	225	La Marque, TX
87	TJ Jones	SO	WR	6-2	180	Southfield, MI
26	Terrell Jordan	SR	RB	5-10	200	Clarkston, GA
43	Adam Kadela	JR	LB	6-2	235	Dublin, OH
13	Mike Kafka	FR	QB	6-3	195	Oak Lawn, IL
56	Ryan Keenan	JR	OL	6-4	290	Westlake, OH
88	Colin Kennedy	FR	TE	6-4	225	Gig Harbour, WA
92	Keegan Kennedy	FR	DL	6-3	250	Jupiter, FL
91	Mark Koehn	SO	DE	6-3	260	Newton, KS
36	Prince Kwateng	FR	LB	6-2	215	Munster, IN
89	Ross Lane	rFR	WR	6-3	180	Ft Myers, FL
15	Slade Larscheid	JR	PK	6-1	205	Spearfish, SD
54	Jim Lawler	rFR	OL	6-5	300	Marion, IL
11	Chris Malleo	SO	FB	6-3	220	Wall Twp, NJ
83	Sean Mansfield	SR	TE	6-3	245	Alpharetta, GA
78	Kurt Mattes	FR	OL	6-6	275	Larksville, PA
62	Austin Matthews	SO	OL	6-5	285	Orange Park, FL
73	Fred McConnell	SO	OL	6-3	300	Southfield, MI
41	Tim McGarigle	SR	LB	6-1	235	Chicago, IL
27	Reggie McPherson	SO	SAF	6-1	190	San Leandro, CA
95	Kevin Mims	rFR	DE	6-3	260	The Woodlands, TX
80	Kevin Mitchell	FR	WR	6-2	220	Skokie, IL
72	David Ngene	SO	DL	6-3	270	Humble, TX
39	David Oredugba	rFR	CB	6-2	190	Sherman Oaks, CA
90	Ryan Pederson	JR	P	6-3	215	Westerville, OH
17	Eric Peterman	FR	QB	6-1	200	Sherman, IL
9	Mark Philmore	SR	WR	5-10	185	Reynoldsburg, OH
50	Trevor Rees	JR	OL	6-2	285	Pearland, TX
47	Chaz Richart	rFR	CB	5-10	180	North Vernon, IN
38	Nick Roach	JR	LB	6-2	230	Milwaukee, WI
29	Brandon Roberson	SO	RB	5-9	195	Pearland, TX
45	Ben Rothrauff	SO	SAF	5-10	190	Columbus, OH
59	Alex Rucks	rFR	OL	6-4	300	Lincolnshire, IL
53	Trevor Schultz	JR	DL	6-2	285	Battle Creek, MI
36	Nathan Shanks	SO	RB	5-11	220	Taylorville, IL
40	Eddie Simpson	SO	LB	6-0	220	Houston, TX
94	Tim Smisek	FR	DL	6-4	255	Northfield, MN
39	Brendan Smith	FR	DB	6-1	215	Andover, MA
63	Zach Strief	SR	OL	6-7	335	Milford, OH
19	Tyrell Sutton	FR	RB	5-9	190	Akron, OH
25	Frederic Tarver	SR	SAF	6-2	215	Palmyra, VA
76	Desmond Taylor	FR	DL	6-3	260	Los Angeles, CA
74	Dylan Thiry	SO	OL	6-8	300	Louisville, KY
84	Kim Thompson	SO	WR	6-4	195	Inkster, MI
71	Joe Tripodi	JR	OL	6-3	300	Chelsea, MI
65	Amado Villarreal	rFR	PK	5-10	170	Englewood, CO
55	Kyle Wagner	SO	LB	6-2	230	Jacksonville, FL
17	Anthony Ward	JR	WR	6-1	200	University Park, IL
8	Rasheed Ward	FR	WR	5-10	165	Chicago, IL
35	Mark Woodsum	FR	FB	6-0	225	Arlington Hts, IL
99	Corey Wootton	FR	DL	6-6	240	Rutherford, NJ
7	Jeff Yarbrough	rFR	WR	5-11	175	Richton Park, IL

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS THE LAST 3 YEARS

2004 SEASON

RECORD: 6-6 BIG 10 RECORD: 5-3

TCU 48 Northwestern 45 (2OT) - TCU opened with an 80 yd TD drive, 6-0 (xpng). NW missed a 45 yd FG. TCU fmbl'd on their own 23 but NW missed a 31 yd FG. TCU got an 82 yd TD pass, 14-0 (2 pt good), NW went 75 yds for a TD but TCU got a 40 yd TD pass, 21-7. NW went 79 yds for a TD and TCU went 68 yds for a TD, 28-14. NW went 58 yds but missed a 27 yd FG w/ :18 left in the 1H. NW was int'd but a penalty gave them a FD & they went 55 yds for a 41 yd FG. TCU went 65 yds hitting a 37 yd FG, 31-17. NW got a 63 yd TD pass and a Herron 16 yd TD run to tie it. NW was SOD at the TCU 32 and TCU went 68 yds for a TD. Basanez hit Fields with a 69 yd TD pass to tie it. NW got to the TCU 32 but Godbolt int'd & ret'd it 29 yds. TCU got a TD w/ 3:00 left, 45-38. Basanez converted on 4th & 3 as NW went 73 yds with a TD pass w/:09 left. In OT NW missed a 24 yd FG but TCU's FG attempt was blk'd. In the 2nd OT TCU hit a 47 yd FG but NW missed a 38 yd FG, K Huffman's 5th miss of the day.

Arizona St 30 NORTHWESTERN 21 - A 34 yd PR to the NW 25 set ASU up for a 20 yd FG. NW drove 80 yds for a TD. NW was stopped on a fake punt setting up an ASU 47 yd TD pass. ASU went 69 yds for a TD w/1:31 left in the 2Q, 17-7. NW was SOD at the ASU 27 and ASU went 72 yds for a TD. NW went 88 yds for a TD and rec'd an onside kick at the ASU 44. Five plays later NW had another TD, 24-21. ASU ret'd the KO to the 46 and drove for a 41 yd FG, 27-21. ASU later missed a 47 yd FG. NW got to the 24 but fmbl'd. ASU went on an 81 yd drive for a FG w/ 1:19 left. NW got to the ASU 24 but ran out of time.

NORTHWESTERN 20 Kansas 17 - NW missed a 48 yd FG. NW blk'd a punt which set up a 23 yd 2Q FG. KU hit a 27 yd FG w/5:28 left in the 1H. KU missed a 48 yd FG w/:13 left, 3-3 at the half. KU was SOD at NW's 29 and the Cats had a 71 yd TD drive that included a 4th & 11 conv. NW added a 21 yd FG, 13-3. KU had a 75 yd TD drive that included a 4th & 4 conv scoring w/ 11:56 left. KU then drove 51 yds and got a 20 yd TD pass, 17-13. NW got a 52 yd pass then 3 plays later a 12 yd TD pass, 20-17 w/5:25 left. KU missed a 43 yd FG & NW ran out the clock.

MINNESOTA 43 Northwestern 17 - NW went 43 yds and hit a 29 yd FG. UM went 80 yds and Maroney's 50 yd TD run made it 7-3. After UM went 48 yds for a TD, Backes ret'd the KO 97 yds for a TD, 14-10. UM went 70 yds for a TD and added a 50 yd TD pass to Hamilton to make it 27-10 (xp blk'd). After pinning NW at the 4, Basanez was int'd at the 12. UM punched it in for a TD, 33-10 (xp blk'd). NW got a 23 yd run by Herron down to the UM 39 but was SOD on 4th & 3 w/1:02 left in the 2Q. NW opened the 3Q with a 65 yd TD drive. Basanez appeared to fmbl before going into the EZ on his 15 yd TD run but it was not reviewed. Malleo came in at QB for NW (inj). UM went 41 yds and nailed a 46 yd FG, 36-17. UM went 87 yds and got a TD w/2:59 left on a drive that ate up 10:07 to close the scoring.

NORTHWESTERN 33 Ohio St 27 (OT) - NW went 38 yds & nailed a 41 yd FG. OSU went 49 yds for a 33 yd FG. NW went 52 yds and a TD pass to Herron put them up 10-3. NW was int'd at the 8. OSU's Holmes ret'd a punt 63 yds for a TD to tie it. OSU fmbl'd w/:54 left in the 1H at their own 47 and NW nailed a 40 yd FG on the 2Q's final play, 13-10. NW opened the 3Q with a 78 yd TD drive. OSU went 77 yds for a TD. NW went 80 yds and Herron's TD run made it 27-17. OSU went 55 yds but settled for a 29 yd FG. After an int OSU took over at the 22 but Zwick was int'd in the EZ. Zwick then led OSU 69 yds & a 21 yd TD pass w/ 1:54 left tied it. NW punted and OSU took a knee to force OT. OSU settled for a 40 yd FG but Nugent missed it and Herron's 1 yd TD run snapped NW's 24 game losing streak vs OSU.

NORTHWESTERN 31 Indiana 24 (2OT) - NW went 75 yds but was SOD on 4th & 1 at the IU 3. IU fmbl'd setting NW up for a 36 yd TD drive. NW missed a 27 yd FG. IU went 80 yds for a TD to tie it. IU missed a 42 yd FG. NW missed a 48 yd FG w/:29 left in the 1H. After a penalty gave IU a FD on 3rd & 16, Roby raced 48 yds for a TD, 14-7. NW was int'd at midfield but then went 94 yds for a TD to tie it. IU got NW to jump offsides on 4th & 1 and hit a 39 yd FG, 17-14. NW drove 49 yds and settled a 32 yd FG w/:29 left, 17-17. IU started at its 41 after a personal foul on the KR but was int'd on a Hail Mary. In OT, IU needed just 2 plays for a TD. On 4th & 6 NW got a FD and then on 3rd & 2 Basanez, with several Hoosiers closing in, lofted a pass to the EZ. TE Jones, also surrounded by Hoosiers, somehow managed to pluck the ball out of the air, 24-24. In the 2nd OT NW, on 4th & 1, got a 16 yd TD run by Herron but IU, on 4th & 3, was sk'd.

WISCONSIN 24 Northwestern 12 - UW blk'd a punt and rec'd at the 14 but UW missed a 31 yd FG. UW then went 56 yds and hit a 29 yd FG. UW went 72 yds for TD. UW went 71 yds and a 7 yd TD run by Davis made it 17-0 at the half. After UW added a 66 yd TD drive, NW went 68 yds as Basanez hit Philmore with a 29 yd TD pass, 24-6 (2 ptng). NW rec'd the onside kick and drove 49 yds for a TD, 24-12 (2 ptng). UW ran out the clock.

NORTHWESTERN 13 Purdue 10-40 mph winds. PU QB Orton was playing with a hip inj. He fmbl'd on the 3rd play at the PU 28 setting up a NW TD. Void ret'd the KO 71 yds but PU settled for a 23 yd FG. After a 23 yd punt, PU drove 46 yds for a TD and led 10-7. Orton was int'd and Kirsch came in at QB. Basanez led NW 84 yds scoring the game winning TD w/:38 left.

Northwestern 14 PENN ST 7 - PSU ran a HB option to Robinson but under pressure, he threw an int at the NW 33 and NW would drive for a TD. A NW int set up a PSU TD w/:37 left in the 1H, 7-7. NW went 83 yds and got a TD w/14:31 left, 14-7. PSU went 67 yds in 10 plays but was SOD w/3:27 left.

MICHIGAN 42 Northwestern 20 - NW went 64 yds for a 23 yd FG. UM went 57 yds and Hart's 34 yd TD run put them ahead. NW went 62 yds but had a 36 yd FG blk'd. NW went 57 yds but settled for a 32 yd FG w/:22 left in the 1H, 7-6. UM opened the 3Q with an 82 yd TD drive. NW's Herron ripped off a 68 yd TD run, 14-13. UM went 60 and 47 yds for TD's, 28-13. NW went on a 37 yd drive but was SOD at the 45. UM went 54 yds for a TD w/9:49 left, 35-13. Breaston ret'd a punt 67 yds for a TD, 42-13. NW went 73 yds for a TD w/4:48 left. UM, behind backup QB Richard, was SOD on 4th & 7 at the NW 30 w/2:28 left.

NORTHWESTERN 28 Illinois 21 (OT) - After IL fmbl'd at the NW 22, NW would go 78 yds including Herron's 23 yd TD run. IL went 53 yds for a TD. Morris int'd a Basanez pass & ret'd it to the NW 26. Thomas got a 14 yd TD run w/1:12 left in the 1H, 14-7. NW went 78 yds for a TD to tie it. IL went 59 yds in 11 plays. On 4th & goal at the 2 IL lined up for a FG but faked it and Weatherford ran it in, 21-14. NW's Backes ret'd a punt 73 yds for a TD w/2:12 left to tie it up again. IL's Thomas ret'd the KO 62 yds to the NW 30 but true frosh Reda missed a 31 yd FG. In OT NW needed 5 plays for a TD while IL was SOD at the NW 11.

HAWAII 49 Northwestern 41 - An int set up a Basanez to Thompson TD pass. NW went 50 yds for a 43 yd FG. UH botched the KO and NW rec'd. NW settled for a 46 yd FG. UH went 68 yds for a TD, 13-7. NW went 82 yds as Basanez picked up a fmbl and ran it into the EZ. UH went 65 yds for a TD. Later UH went 57 yds for the 21-20 lead. Chang hit Owens for a 35 yd TD pass w/:07 left in the 2Q. In the 3Q Owens ret'd a punt 76 yds for a TD, 35-20. NW's Batis ran 21 yds for a TD on a fake FG, 35-27. UH answered with a 64 yd TD drive & NW went 80 yds for a TD, 42-33. UH went 70 yds for a TD. NW went 75 yds but was SOD on 4th & goal. NW blk'd a punt & ret'd it 18 yds for a TD, 49-41. UH went 57 yds but missed a 32 yd FG w/2:12 left. NW got to the UH 20 but Basanez was int'd at the 11 w/1:06 left.

2003 SEASON

RECORD: 6-7 BIG 10 RECORD: 4-4

Northwestern 28 KANSAS 20 - Heavy rain. KU fmbl'd at the NW 19 & NW drove 78 yds but missed a 20 yd FG. KU was int'd & NW went 75 yds with an 18 yd TD run by Wright. KU QB Whittemore was shaken up & Luke was int'd at the 37. Eight plays later NW had a TD, 14-0 at halftime. Whittemore ret'd & KU got a 62 yd drive but missed a 20 yd FG. NW went 57 yds but was SOD on 4th & 1 at the KU 17. KU got a 74 yd TD pass, 14-7. NW was int'd & KU ret'd it 31 yds for a TD to tie it. NW went 80 yds for a TD to retake the lead. NW fmbl'd & KU ret'd it 20 yds for a TD, 21-20 (xpng). NW went 66 yds for a TD w/1:03 left. KU got a 48 yd pass to the NW 20 on the game's final play.

Air Force 22 NORTHWESTERN 21 - AF got a 93 yd drive for a TD. NW went on a 78 yd TD drive. After AF missed a 39 yd FG NW drove 78 yds for a TD, 14-7 at the half. NW took their 1st 3Q poss for a TD, 21-7. Harridge was then tossed out of the game for throwing a punch. Backup QB Fitch led an 80 yd TD drive, 21-13. NW was at the AF 29 w/5:49 left when Basanez was not only int'd but ret'd 79 yds for a TD, 21-19 (2 ptng). Basanez was int'd again & ret'd to the 22. AF got a 25 yd FG w/ 2:01 left to take the lead. Basanez threw his 3rd int but AF was SOD on 4th & 3 at the 16. Basanez threw 4 inc passes on NW's last drive.

Miami (OH) 44 NORTHWESTERN 14 - MU had 65 & 55 yd drives for a TD & FG. NW drove 71 yds for a TD but a MU pers foul hit on QB Basanez had him miss all but 2 series the rest of the game. MU drove 60 & 33 yds for TD's & NW missed a 39 yd FG & MU led 23-7 at the half. MU had a 34 yd FG blk'd but drove 89, 50 & 34 (after int) for TD's, 44-7. NW got a TD w/3:50 left & was SOD on its final poss.

Northwestern 28 DUKE 10 - NW dominated early with drives of 76 (TD), 51 (TD) & 58 (SOD) yds while Duke managed just 1 FD, 14-0. Duke drove 58 yds for a TD. Duke got a 26 yd FG after rec'ing a fmbl, but NW went 80 yds for a TD, 21-10. NW was SOD at the Duke 28 but Duke fmbl'd at the NW 18. NW's Herron got a 69 yd TD run w/7:20 left. Duke drove 60 yds & finished the game at the NW 15.

OHIO ST 20 Northwestern 0 - OSU drove 59 & 35 yds for a TD & FG. NW went on a 61 yd drive but had a TD run called back on holding & then missed a 35 yd FG to trail 10-0 at the half. OSU opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive. NW missed a 47 yd FG. OSU was SOD. Mid-4Q OSU nailed a 42 yd FG for a 20-0 lead & NW never threatened after that.

Minnesota 42 NORTHWESTERN 17 - In the 1Q NW led 14-0 rolling up 146 yds offense while UM had just 8 yds on their 1st 4 poss & did not get their 1st FD until less than 9:00 was left in the 2Q. The game turned on a 96 yd Gopher TD pass & UM scored 21 straight pts to lead 21-17 at the half. Minny added an 82 yd TD pass early in the 3Q & finished with a 572-284 yd edge. UM ended the game at the NW 12 dominating the 2H.

Northwestern 37 INDIANA 31 (OT) - NW jumped out to a 17-0 lead with a 26 yd drive after an int & a 77 yd TD pass. It was 24-7 when IU drove 68 yds for a TD & missed a 51 yd FG on the 1H's final play, 24-14. IU got a 55 yd pass early in the 3Q but settled for a 22 yd FG & then drove 78 yds for a TD to tie it at 24. IU drove 37 yds for a TD to take their 1st lead w/11:54 left. NW got a 60 yd PR setting up a 5 yd TD drive which came on 4th & 1, 31-31 w/4:45 left. IU took over at its 46 but were forced to settle for a 55 yd FG which they missed. In OT IU was int'd in the EZ while NW got a 4 yd TD run.

NORTHWESTERN 16 Wisconsin 7 - UW was w/o QB Sorgi & RB Davis. The Badgers missed a 36 yd FG & NW got a 53 yd TD pass, 6-0 (xpng). NW was w/o its starting K & missed a 25 yd FG. After an int UW drove 52 yds for a TD, 7-6. NW drove 82 yds but settled for a 25 yd FG to lead 9-7 at the half. NW faked a FG & got a TD 2 plays later, 16-7. UW got an int at the NW 33 but missed a 40 yd FG. UW drove 48 yds but was SOD & NW ran out the clock.

PURDUE 34 Northwestern 14 - PU drove 39 & 12 yds for TD's after NW fmbl's. NW fmbl'd at the PU 19 stopping a drive & PU drove 75 yds settling for a FG, 17-0. NW scored a TD w/:45 left 1H. PU then drove 48 yds for a 28 yd FG, 20-7 at the half. PU drove 39 yds for a TD. NW fmbl'd on 4th & goal & PU drove 98 yds for a TD, 34-7. NW later fmbl'd on the PU 20. NW drove 74 yds for a TD w/1:14 left.

NORTHWESTERN 17 Penn St 7 - PSU missed a 27 yd FG. PSU drove 78 yds for a TD but then missed a 34 yd FG, 7-0 at the half. NW was SOD at the PSU 1 & fmbl'd at the PSU 9. NW drove 45 yds to tie. After a 28 yd PR, Basanez lofted the ball into the EZ & it bounced off 2 PSU DB's & into the arms of Horn for a 41 yd TD rec w/4:50 left, 14-7. PSU was int'd & NW added a 27 yd FG. PSU ran out of time at the NW 27.

Michigan 41 NORTHWESTERN 10 - UM drove 65 yds for a TD. NW ret'd the KO to the 46 to set up a 35 yd FG. UM missed a 42 yd FG & settled for a 23 yd FG at the end of 36 & 60 yd drives. UM drove 38 yds for a TD after a fmbl. NW fmbl'd the KO & UM got a 26 yd TD pass, 24-3. UM drove 64 yds & Avant made a 1 handed catch in the EZ for a TD, 31-3 at the half. UM opened the 3Q with a 70 yd FG drive. UM had a PR TD called back & NW drove 60 yds for a TD, 34-10. UM brought the starters back in & they went 73 yds & got a 7 yd TD run w/3:13 left.

NORTHWESTERN 37 Illinois 20 - After an int, NW missed a 38 yd FG. IL hit a 37 yd FG & then got a 32 yd int return TD. NW went 59 yds for a TD, 10-7. IL drove 52 yds for a 45 yd FG. NW was SOD at the IL 33 & later fmbl'd at their own 42. In the 2H NW att'd just 1 pass & RB Wright rushed for 251 yds & 4 TD's. NW drove 61 yds for a TD to lead 14-13. IL was int'd at the NW 3 & NW drove 97 yds for a TD. IL fmbl'd at the NW 37. NW drove for a 38 yd FG. IL went 65 yds thanks to a fake punt on 4th & 5 at their own 40 & the TD pulled them within 23-20. NW went 80 yds for a TD & added a 69 yd int return for a TD. IL fmbl'd at the NW 18 & was SOD at the NW 3.

2002 SEASON

RECORD: 3-9 BIG 10 RECORD: 1-7

Air Force 52 N'WESTERN 3 - AF scored on their 1st 5 poss going 74, 48, 48 & 36 yds plus got a blk'd punt for a TD & led 38-0 at the half. They extended it to 52-0 before NW got a 51 yd, 3Q FG.

Tcu 48 N'WESTERN 24 - NW ret'd the KO 100 yds for a TD & rec'd a fmbl but settled for a 22 yd FG. A snap sailed over the P's head for a TCU safety & they also hit a FG after a fmbl, 10-5. TCU got an 11 yd drive & ret'd a fmbl 21 yds for a TD's, 20-10. They added 51 & 89 yd TD drives before the half & went 70 yds on their 2nd drive of the 3Q, 41-10. In the 4Q, the Frogs drove 67 yds for a TD as NW had 7 TO's.

N'WESTERN 26 Duke 21 - Duke went 91 yds for a TD. NW got a 47 yd FG but Duke went 80 yds for a TD. NW went 50 yds for a TD after an int & after Duke missed a 50 yd FG, NW got a FG on the 1H's final play, 14-13. Duke drove 80 yds for a TD & NW went 61 yds for a TD, 21-19 (2 ptng). NW went 97 yds for a TD & its 1st lead, 26-21. Duke's drives ended on a fmbl at their 43, a fmbl at the NW 43, SOD at its own 42 & SOD at the NW 48.

N'western 49 NAVY 40 - NW got a 31 yd TD drive to tie 7-7. It was 21-21 when Navy fmbl'd at their own 20 setting up a NW TD w/:35 left in half, 28-21. The teams exchanged long TD drives, 35-28. Navy settled for a FG & drove 52 yds for a TD to lead 38-35. NW went 59 & 79 yds for TD's. Navy drove to the NW 6 but was int'd in the EZ. NW took an intentional safety w/:57 left & Navy got to the NW 4 as it ended.

MICHIGAN ST 39 N'western 24 - MSU led 17-10 w/6:10 left in an evenly played half. MSU added a 37 yd FG w/:24 left, 20-10. NW got int's on consec poss & had an 80 yd TD drive to pull within 20-17. They missed a 50 yd FG & the game changed dramatically. MSU ret'd a punt 88 yds for a TD, drove 74 yds for a 21 yd FG & got a 31 yd TD pass after an int scoring 16 pts in a span of 5:44. They added a 53 yd FG w/5:08 left to lead 39-17 before allowing NW a TD w/4:28 left.

OHIO ST 27 N'western 16 - NW led 6-0 before OSU drove 66 yds for a TD. NW retook the lead w/a 37 yd FG. OSU got a TD & led 14-9 at the half. OSU drove for a 41 yd FG & added a 79 yd TD drive. NW answered w/an 80 yd TD drive. OSU nailed a FG & NW fmbl'd.

MINNESOTA 45 Northwestern 42 - Thursday. UM onside kicked to open & drove for a TD & NW answered, 7-7 after 1Q. NW got 76 & 79 yd TD drives in the 2Q, 21-14 w/6:35 left. UM went 74 yds for a TD w/ 2:18 left & blk'd a punt for another, 28-21. UM drove for 2 TD's & a FG on their 1st 3 poss of the 2H to lead commandingly 45-21 early in the 4Q. NW drove 66 yds for a TD (2 ptng), 45-27. UM fmbl'd & NW drove 71 yds for a TD w/6:18 left. NW added a 43 yd TD drive w/4:12 left to pull within 3 but UM was able to run out the clock.

PENN ST 49 N'western 0 - PSU dominated w/a 423-9 rush edge. PSU drove 73 yds for a TD & NW had a 34 yd FG called back on its only scoring chance. PSU had 78, 48, 46 & 67 yd TD drives & coasted.

Purdue 42 N'WESTERN 13 - PU went 74, 38 & 70 yds for TD's, 21-0. PU fmbl'd at its own 44 setting up a NW TD, 21-7. PU drove 93 yds but was SOD at the 1. PU went 69 yds for a TD & they added a 42 & 58 yd TD drives in the 4Q. NW drove for a garbage TD.

N'WESTERN 41 Indiana 37 - IU went 60 yds for a TD, 6-0 (xpng) & NW got a 73 yd KR set up an 18 yd TD drive, 6-6 (xpng). Both tms added long TD drives & NW led 13-12. IU got a FG but NW missed 1 & trailed 15-13 at half. IU was SOD on a fake punt on its own 35. NW got a TD & added another after an int, 27-15. Both tms got long TD drives, 34-22. IU ret'd a fmbl for a TD. IU drove for a TD after a fmbl, 37-34. NW missed a FG after having a 1st & goal. A 21 yd punt by IU set NW up for a TD w/2:17 left. IU's 4th & 4 pass from their 35 was dropped w/1:18 left.

IOWA 62 Northwestern 10 - NW onside kicked to open & UI ret'd it to the 25 setting up a TD. NW was SOD on 4th & inches at its own 40 & UI got a 40 yd TD pass. NW pulled within 14-7 w/a 51 yd TD drive. The rest was all UI as they drove 67, 65 & 74 yds for TD's & 71 yds for a FG, 35-10 at half. UI added a 58 yd PR TD & 72, 57 & 33 yd TD drives.

ILLINOIS 31 Northwestern 24 - After the teams traded TD's, IL drove 57 & 68 yds for TD's & added a 35 yd FG, 24-7. NW was int'd in the EZ w/:43 left 1H. NW hit a 31 yd FG & then on 4th & goal threw a lateral to OL Essex but he was tkl'd 3 yds short. IL drove 96 yds for a TD. NW answered with a 66 yd TD drive & then had a TD called back on holding before being int'd in the EZ. NW went 75 yds for a TD w/2:12 but ran out of clock.

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

2005 BIG 10 RECRUITMENT RANKING: 7
2005 NATIONAL RANK: 36

2005 NEWCOMERS

Malcolm Arrington PS#91LB 6-2 225 Orchard Lake St Mary's Prep/Rochester Hills, MI 4.65 speed. Selected for Michigan All-Star game. 1st Tm All-Michigan Division II as a LB and RB. Totalled 109 tackles, 10 sacks and 4 forced fumbles at LB and 1,045 yds (7.9 ypc) and 16 TD's at RB as a Senior. Dad Fred played for the NY Jets and the Detroit Lions.

Thomas BemenderferPS#211OL 6-5 270 Penn High School/Mishawaka, IN 5.1 speed. Indiana All-Star game participant. All Indiana honoree as a DT as a Junior and as an OL as a senior. Two time state finalist in wrestling as a heavyweight. Selected for USA Under 19 Rugby team. Walker says has "great feet and balance."

Andrew Brewer PS#44QB 6-3 205 Jenks High School/Tulsa, OK 4.4 speed. 31" VL. Scored a TD in Texas vs Oklahoma Oil Bowl all-star game and also competing in Oklahoma All-Star game. 1st team Oklahoma honors at Tulsa prep power Jenks HS completing 105 of 195 pass attempts for 1,795 yards and 20 touchdowns as a Senior and led team to 2 straight state titles (GA) games. NSIC track All American in 4x400 relay.

Tyler Compton PS#293OL 6-5 290 Humble HS/ Humble, TX 5.1 speed. *Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine* Top 300 and All-District selection. Size to play right away but likely to redshirt as he is still learning the game.

Omar Conteh PS#182RB 6-0 197 Cy-Fair HS/ Cypress, TX 4.5 speed. Enrolled in summer school at Northwestern. Bayou Bowl (Texas-Louisiana All Star game) star with 99 yards on 10 carries and given Texas' Player of the Game award. Two time All District selection who rushed for 2,130 yds (7.9 ypc) and 29 TD's as a Senior. Walker likes his vision and balance. District champion in long jump and triple jump as a junior.

Ramon Diaz PS#116DL 6-4 275 Morris HS/ Morris, IL Will likely miss the 2005 season after tearing ACL in pickup basketball game in April '05. 4.9 speed and 600 squat prior to injury. Chicago All-Star game invitee. Two time All Conference selection.

Mike Dinard PS#94RB 6-2 230 Padua Franciscan HS/Parma, OH 4.54 speed. *Cleveland Plain Dealer* All Ohio Division II 1st team as a senior with 81 tackles and 2 sacks as a LB and 964 rush yards (6.0 ypc) and 16 TD's as a RB.

John Gill PS#362OL 6-3 285 Bellarmine College Prep/Los Altos Hills, CA 4.9 speed. 400 bench. Enrolled in summer school at Northwestern. 1st team All Northern California and league's OL of the year as a Senior. Also played DL and served as the team's long snapper.

DL Adam Hahn PS#152OL 6-4 280 Hartford Union HS/Hartford, WI Broke leg in 4th game as a senior. All Wisconsin selection as a Junior recording 65 tackles, 7 tackles for loss and 8 sacks as a Junior. State qualifier and champ in shot put.

Chris Jeske PS#27LB 6-0 225 Joliet Catholic Academy/Yorkville, IL Enrolled in summer school at Northwestern. *Chicago Sun Times* Illinois Player of the Year and 1 of 50 Old Spice Redzone performers. Two time All Illinois honors and 3 time state champion. Recorded 148 tackles and 10 sacks as a Senior.

Mike Kafka PS#41QB 6-3 195 Chicago St Rita HS/Oak Lawn, IL 4.7 speed. Honorable mention All Illinois on Chicago Catholic League power. Threw for 1,004 yards (58%) with 10 TD's and ran for 806 yards and 5 TD's as a Senior.

Keegan Kennedy PS#383DL 6-3 290 Cardinal Newman HS/Jupiter, FL 4.8 speed. 330 bench. 475 squat. Enrolled in summer school at Northwestern. Outback All-Star game participant. All Florida honoree with 58 solo tackles and 6 sacks as a Senior. State qualifier in heavyweight powerlifting.

Prince Kwateng PS#258LB 6-2 215 Munster HS/ Munster, IN 4.7 speed. Senior season was halted in 2nd game due to injury. RB/LB who rushed for 721 yards (6.0 ypc) with 14 TD's in '04 while making 30 tackles.

Kurt Mattes PS#23OL 6-6 275 Wyoming Valley West HS/Larksville, PA 4.85 speed. 330 bench. 475 squat. Pennsylvania Class AAAA All-State honors after grading out 85% on his blocking assignments with 45 pancake blocks as a Senior. On the DL made 50 tackles with 10 tackles for loss and 5 sacks last year. Also a center on the basketball team.

Eric Peterman PS#46QB 6-1 200 Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin HS/Sherman, IL 4.6 speed. 31" vertical jump. Selected to play in Illinois Coaches Association All-Star game. 2nd team All-Illinois by *Chicago Tribune* Dual threat QB after totalling for 2,727 yards total offense as a Senior. Four year starter. 1st team All Illinois as a Junior after he amassed 3,250 yards total offense. Point guard on basketball team.

Brendan Smith PS#99DB 6-1 215 New Hampton Prep/Andover, MA 4.57 speed. Enrolled in summer school at Northwestern. Gatorade New Hampshire and New England Prep School Class A Player of the Year. QB/S who passed for 4,073 yds with a 39-10 ratio and rushed for 3,013 yds and 28 TD's in his career. Defensive stats total 113 tackles, 16 tackles for loss, 9 sacks and 6 interceptions for his career.

Tyrell Sutton PS#24RB 5-9 190 Archbishop Hoban HS/Akron, OH 4.49 speed. MVP of Ohio North-South All Star game with 203 yards and 3 TD's . Also selected for Big 33 game (Ohio vs Pennsylvania All-Stars). Ohio's Mr Football selection and two time 1st team All-State honors. Broke Ohio record with 9,426 career rushing yards including 3,241 yds and 38 TD's as a Senior. Also set state record with 38 consecutive 100 yard rushing performances.

Desmond Taylor PS#377DL 6-3 260 Loyola HS/ Los Angeles, CA 4.9 speed. 340 bench. Two time All-League offensive and defensive lineman. Piled up 45 tackles, 12 tackles for loss, 4 sacks and 3 fumble recoveries as a Senior.

Rasheed Ward PS#127WR 5-10 165 Harper HS/ Chicago, IL 4.5 speed. Named All Chicago on city champ and 2nd team All Illinois by the *Chicago Tribune* with 1,114 receiving yards and 13 TD's as a senior. In his junior year, he snared 47 passes for 1,021 yards and 18 TD's Also played a CB.

Corey Wootton PS#238DL 6-6 240 Ramsey Don Bosco Prep/Rutherford NJ 4.9 speed. All New Jersey selection as a TE/DE. Caught 8 receptions for 152 yards and made 62 tackles and 5 sacks as a Senior.

MLB Tim McGarigle

NFL DRAFT

2005

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	28	Luis Castillo	DT	San Diego
3	93	Trai Essex	OT	Pittsburgh
7	244	Noah Herron	RB	Pittsburgh

2004

None

2003

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
4	133	Austin King	C	Tampa Bay

2002

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	23	Napoleon Harris	LB	Oakland
4	101	Kevin Bentley	LB	Cleveland
5	170	Sam Simmons	WR	Miami

2001

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
7	210	Harold Blackmon	SS	Seattle
7	231	Dwayne Missouri	DE	Baltimore

2000

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
5	164	Jay Tant	TE	Arizona

1999

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	35	Barry Gardner	LB	Philadelphia
3	71	D'Wayne Bates	WR	Chicago
4	112	Sean Bennett	RB	NY Giants

1998

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
5	134	Casey Dailey	LB	NY Jets
6	171	Nathan Strikwerda	C	Miami

1997

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
4	105	Darnell Autry	RB	Chicago
6	164	Tim Scharf	LB	NY Jets
7	203	Hudhaifa Ismaeli	DB	Miami

1996

None

NORTHWESTERN DRAFT FACTS:

Despite not having any players drafted in 1996 or 2004 the Wildcats, better known as an academic school, have still had 18 players drafted the other 8 years. Only 6 of 18 have been from the skilled positions with just two 1st rounders. This year, for just the 2nd time in 10 years, they had 2 players picked on the 1st day of draft. Overall they have had five 1st day selected (1,2 & 3 rounds). Despite being so close to Chicago, the 'Cats have only had 2 picks by the Bears and surpringly have had 12 of 18 selected by AFC teams.

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES PAST HISTORIES

2003 MOTOR CITY BOWL BOWLING GREEN 28 NORTHWESTERN 24

This was one of the more exciting bowl games in the 2003 season and the first post season meeting ever between school's from the MAC and B10. Northwestern shutdown BGSU's running game so the Falcons went to the air. QB Josh Harris would pass for 386 yds, and 3 TD's setting a Motor City Bowl and Bowling Green record for completions with 38 on 50 attempts and led BGSU to a 28-24 victory. NU led for 3+ quarters including a 77 yd TD run by Jason Wright, 2nd longest run in Motor City Bowl history, to give the Wildcats a 17-7 lead. The Falcons used two 80 yd scoring drives and QB Harris threw a 7 yds TD pass in the 3Q and an 11 yd TD pass in the 4Q and BGSU was up 21-17. The Wildcats, however, came right back as Wright returned the KO 88 yds which set up a Noah Heron 2 yd TD run with 10:21 left in the 4Q, 24-21. BGSU came back with a 4 yd TD pass from Harris with 4:06 left, 28-24 and NU stalled on their final drive. This was the 3rd time BGSU rallied in the 4Q to beat a B10 team. Wright finished with a bowl and school record 336 all purpose yards and earned co-MVP honors with BGSU's Harris.

2000 ALAMO BOWL NEBRASKA 66 NORTHWESTERN 17

At the start of the 2000 no one would have predicted these two teams would meet in post season at the end of the year as Northwestern was coming off a 3-8 season in 1999 and Nebraska began the season ranked #1. However, Phil Steele's 2000 College Football Preview did have Northwestern listed as one of his surprise teams of the year. Northwestern won its 3rd B10 Title and faced the other team with an 'N' on their helmet in the Alamodome. Things started off good for the Wildcats as they led 10-7 early 2Q. Twenty seconds later it was all Nebraska as the Huskers would score 28 unanswered points. QB Eric Crouch ran 50 yds for a TD, Dan Alexander pushed it in from 2 yd out, Correll Buckhalter got a 2 yds TD run, Kris Brown nail a 51 yd FG and a 58 yd TD pass from Crouch to Bobby Newcombe. The Wildcats did manage including a 69 TD run by AA Damien Anderson and it was 38-17 at the half. In the 2H Nebraska would get 4 more scores a 69 yard TD pass from Newcombe to Matt Davison. Nebraska ran for 476 total rushing yds.

1997 CITRUS BOWL TENNESSEE 48 NORTHWESTERN 28

Northwestern won their 2nd consecutive B10 Title and took on #9 Tennessee. The Vols were up 21-0 but the Wildcats rallied back to tie it 21-21 with 2:27 left in the 1H. UT's 1Q scoring was on 2 TD passes and a 10 yd TD run by QB Peyton Manning. NU hung in and got a 2 yd TD run from Darnell Autry, QB Steve Schnur hit Brian Musso for a 22 yd TD pass and after a fmbl, Autry ran anther one in from 28 yds out. Tennessee would finish out the 1H scoring with a 67 yds TD pass by Manning and a 19 yd FG as time expired, 31-21 at the half. On the 3rd play of the 2H, UT intercepted a Schnur pass and returned it 30 yds for a TD, 38-21. In the 4Q, NU did manage one more score on a 22 yd TD pass to D'Wayne Bates but couldn't get any closer. UT would get 2 more scores in the 4Q on a 28 yd FG and 6 yds TD pass for the 48-28 victory. Manning threw for 408 yds.

1995/1996 ROSE BOWL USC 41 NORTHWESTERN 32

In 1995 Northwestern was the Cinderella team of the season as the got their first winning season since 1971 and first bowl game appearance since the 1948/ 1949 Rose Bowl. A #3 ranked USC scored in the opening minute on a LaVale Wood 1 yd TD run, 7-0. The Wildcats answered back with a 68 yd drive capped off by a Darnell Autry 3 yd TD run, 7-7. USC attacked in the 2Q with 17 unanswered points; a scrambling 21 yd TD pass from Brad Otton, a 30 yd FG by Adam Abrams and CB Daylon McCutcheon's 53 yd fmbl return after USC knocked the ball loose from a Wildcat. Northwestern got a 29 yd FG by Brian Gowins with :02 left in the half, 24-10. In the 3Q Gowins hit a 28 yd FG. NU then went for the onside kick and recovered the ball. 3:00 later Autry ran it in from 9 yds out, 24-19 (2 pt ng). USC struck back with a 56 yd TD pass to Keyshawn Johnson, 31-19, but the 'Cats immediately answered with a yd TD run by Schnur, 31-26, to end the 3Q. NU took the led for the first time in the 4Q with a 2 yd TD run by Autry, 32-31 (2 pt ng). USC would regain the lead for good with a 46 yd FG, 34-32. USC would get their final score on a 2 yd TD run with 2:55 left in the game, 41-32.

1948/1949 ROSE BOWL NORTHWESTERN 20 CALIFORNIA 14

This was NU's first ever bowl appearance and they knocked off California 20-14. The score was tied 7-7 midway 2Q when NU ran it from 1 yd out, 13-7 after the half. Cal would take their only lead of the game 14-13 on a 56 yard drive after a NU fumble. The 'Cats would get a 43 yd TD run, courtesy of excellent blocking for a 20-14 win , and their only bowl victory.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2005

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 the Hoosiers had to replace their outstanding QB Antwaan Randle-El who became the first ever QB to throw for 7,000 yards and rush for 3,500 in his career. Two QB's split the job in the first year of the West Coast offense and they set a school record for passing with 3,020 yards, but they hit just 51% with an 18-21 ratio. Matt LoVecchio (PS#13) had an excellent year running the scout team in 2002 after transferring from Notre Dame where he started ten games in 2 years and led the Irish to the Fiesta Bowl as a true frosh. In 2003 LoVecchio had an erratic season throwing for 1,778 yards (53.3%) with a poor 3-9 ratio while rushing for 272 gross yards. He missed one game with injury and Graeme McFarland (PS#112) was notified the night prior to Minnesota that he would be the starter. He threw for 152 yards. McFarland had major kidney surgery and opted to devote his attention to baseball last year. Blake Powers (PS#103) had the strongest arm of the QB's and threw for 258 yards and 3 TD's in the spring game sparking a QB controversy. LoVecchio struggled early last year but really came on down the stretch. Against Northwestern, he had the 3rd best total offensive output in a Big 10 game by any Hoosier (Randle El top 2) with 386 total yards. Against Illinois he set the school record for completion percentage (88.2%), but suffered a concussion in the 3Q which was a key factor in the loss as Powers came in and hit just 3 of 11 for 41 yards with 2 int's. LoVecchio finished with 1,951 yards (56.5%) with a 13-7 ratio and 326 gross rush yards while Powers had 98 yards passing. Powers does fit the mold of a Hoeppner-style QB and he will battle Grant Gregory (6-1 205 rFr, PS#137) and McFarland who returned to the team. Hoeppner has done wonders with young QB's, so it will be interesting to see if the new QB can match LoVecchio's solid numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Brian Lewis (PS#58) was the feature back but injured his shoulder in the opener and lost his starting job to rFr Yamar Washington (PS#178). Washington became the first Indy frosh RB to have 100+ yards in two straight games since Alex Smith (1994). Washington finished with 688 yards (4.0) and Lewis had 458 (4.4). Due to injuries they had to take the redshirt off of true frosh Chris Taylor a North/South runner with a 35" VL, who rushed for 229 yards (4.8) in the final six games. They looked to be in great shape in 2003 with all three back, but Washington tore his ACL in April. Lewis would get in just 6 starts due to injuries and had 398 yards (4.4). Taylor was the team's 2nd leading rusher with 464 yards (4.0). True frosh BenJarvus Green-Ellis exploded onto the scene with 938 yards (4.2) including 42 att's vs Penn St. Lewis was the only loss last year and Green-Ellis, Washington and Taylor split the duties. Green-Ellis led the team again with 794 yards but saw his ypc drop to 3.4. Taylor had 329 yards (4.0). Surprisingly Kenni Burns (PS#45) did not get any carries. John Pannozzo, (28 st 3Y, 494 ttl yds) moves to LB this season. When the team uses a FB Brian Tracz (6-0 255 rFr, PS#114), Alex Stscherban (5-11 230 Jr) and Josiah Sears (6-0 250 So) will be available. Added to the mix is this year's solid crop of true frosh. The unit does lose both starters in Green-Ellis (transfered to Ole Miss) and Pannozzo but I look for improvement in the Hoosiers' rushing numbers.

LB Kyle Killion

RECEIVERS - In 2002 Glenn Johnson and Courtney Roby became the first duo to each top 50 rec's in a season for Indy. Roby, a HS track champ, led the team in 2003 with 45 rec's (11.2). Johnson saw his numbers drop from 53 rec's and 837 yards to 36 and 436 and left as the #5 receiver in Indiana history. Basically everyone else returned in 2004. As expected, Roby led the team with 55 rec's (14.7) and Jahkeen Gilmore stepped up as the #2 man with 23 (13.4). This year they must replace the schools all-time leader in rec yards Roby (#3DC TEN, 11 st, 4.31 spd), WR Travis Haney (16 rec, 17.4, 9 st), WR David Lewis (17 rec), TE Aaron Halterman (9 st until inj, 6 rec) and TE Patrick Thompson (1 rec). Not listed are TE Matt O'Neal (6-2 226 Jr, 54 snaps) and some of this year's true frosh. James Hardy, who is the tallest receiver (6'7"), also plays on the basketball team and has soft hands. With the loss of three of their top four receivers and the addition of one WR spot, this unit is much less experienced in 2005 with zero starters back.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Hoosiers had the Big 10's youngest O-line in '03 and the 40 sacks allowed were the most in the conf with the line paving the way for just 3.4 ypc rushing. Last year all 5 starters returned but unfortunately injuries hurt the unit as C Mangiero and LT Sowells were both lost for the year vs Mich St and the next week vs Mich, four of the five OL's were playing in new positions. Indy's ypc slipped to 3.2 but they did trim the sack total to 27. Those leaving this year include G/C Chris Jahnke (11 st, 3 yr st'r), LG Chris Voltattorni (7 st) and LS Kyle Warriner while redshirt frosh OG Jim Jadron (PS#76) and OT Dewayne Roland (PS#134) were ruled ineligible for 2005 in June. Not listed in the 2 deep is Jeremiah Kellam (6-3 315 So). The Hoosiers' starting 5 have all been full-time starters before and provided they stay healthier, I look for solid improvement in the rush ypc.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Hoosiers had a very young, inexperienced DL in 2002 and allowed 5.4 ypc rushing and the D had just 15 sacks. In 2003 3 starters returned and they improved the ypc allowed to 4.5 but still had just 15 sacks. Last year three starters returned again and an opposing coach said "Their defensive front four is impressive" but Indy still allowed 5.0 ypc rushing while recording 22 sacks. This year they must replace DT Jodie Clemons (11 st, 25 tkl, 6 tfl), DT Martin Lapostolle (6 st, 15 tkl) and DE Eli Radke (0 tkl). The DL isn't as deep as the O-line, but this group should help the Hoosier D be more competitive vs the run.

LINEBACKERS - The Hoosiers appeared to have all 3 starters returning to this position last year but SLB Josh Moore left the program in late August and Kevin Smith (PS#155, 6 sts 03), missed the year with injury. This year they lose Paul Szczesny (8 st, 71 tkl, 3 tfl, trans to Ariz St), Cleo Harbison (2 st, 14 tkl) who missed 7 games with injury and Randy Cate (3 tkl). They move in FB John Pannozzo, who Purdue DC Spack called the best FB in the Big 10 last year, and he had been a 3 year starter at that position. Matt Lewis will likely play as a true frosh. DiNardo signed a nice crop of four solid frosh last year including three HT's. Not listed in the 2 deep are Ryan Marando (6-2 240 rFr, PS#137), Casey Nowinski (6-2 219 Jr, 4 tkl) and Mark Naaman (6-0 215 Sr, PS#158). This unit looks stronger especially with their top LB, Kyle Killion (2nd Tm B10) returning.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Indy was #116 in my pass D rankings in 2003 allowing 67.1% with a 24-9 ratio. Last year they had two starters returning but then lost Cedric Henry (6 st '03) to academics. The Hoosiers still moved up to #84 allowing 56.4% with a 25-11 ratio. This year the only losses are FS Herana-Daze Jones (11 st, #1 tkl'r, 2 int, HM B10), CB Leonard Bryant (6 st in '03, 1 tkl LY) and Mike Doyle (3 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep are Troy Grosfield (99 snaps, 13 tkl) who is also the K, Jeremy Miles (5-10 206 Jr, C Ark trans) and Rayshun Calhoun (5-10 206 rFr, PS#169). Eight players return with starting experience and this looks like the Hoosiers best secondary in years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - DiNardo inherited a roster depleted of scholarship players which generally hurts special teams play. In 2002 Indy finished just #89 in my special teams rankings and #63 in 2003. P Tyson Beattie, who like the NFL's Darren Bennett played Australian rules football, had a decent first year in '03 (34.7 net), but showed dramatic improvement last year (38.1 net). Diminutive Lance Bennett (5-6 167) was a HS AA in track and avg'd 22.5 on KR's in 2003 as a true frosh. He suffered a knee injury in spring of '04 and was thought to be lost for the year, but miraculously recovered in time for the opener. He had a PR TD and a KR TD and led the Big 10 (30.0 KR's). K Bryan Robertson hit 11 of 14 FG's with a long of 39 but missed his only two att's from 40+. He did show a strong leg on KO's with 20+ TB's. Overall with the added depth, Indy finished #16. The good news for Hoeppner is that basically everyone returns with the exception of Robertson, but Grosfield handled the KO's in 2003 when the team allowed just 15.7 per KR. Also true frosh K Joe Kleinsmith is not only solid but blocked 7 kicks in HS and Hoeppner calls him a "special specialist". Hoeppner's Miami teams had exceptional special teams units that finished #16 and #12 the last 2 years so this is clearly a Top 25 group.

COACHES - In six years at Miami (OH) Terry Hoeppner had six winning seasons and an outstanding record of 48-25 and in his final two years guided the team to two MAC Title games winning in 2003. He spent the last 19 years at Miami. His OC is Bill Lynch. Lynch was the Hoosiers QB coach from '93-'94 and was the HC at Ball St from 1995-'02. Lynch led BSU to a MAC Title in 1996 and they were MAC West co-champs in 2001. Last year he was the HC at DePauw guiding the team to an 8-2 mark as the SCAC co-Coach of the Year. Hoeppner has co-DC's in Brian George and Joe Palcic. Those two shared the DC position at Miami last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Firing head coaches is not always a solid solution to improving a team's program. From 1984-1996 under the tutelage of Bill Mallory, the Hoosiers participated in six bowl games, but they have now gone through 10 straight losing seasons. In 2001 they were showing signs of making up ground in the Big 10 as they actually outgained Big 10 foes by 66.6 ypg and finished 4-4 in league play (Antwaan Randle-El's final year). The Hoosiers then axed Cam Cameron after a 5-6 finish and brought in Gerry DiNardo. He inherited just 12 returning starters and suffered heavy attrition due to the coaching change. 32 of his 44 players on the 2 deep in the 2002 season finale were frosh and soph's and they had just 65 scholarship players but still managed 3 wins. In 2003 they had just 69 scholarship players and they finished 2-10. Last year they were finally up to the 85 scholarship limit and DiNardo had 19 returning starters but unfortunately they didn't catch many breaks as they lost 4 close games, turning what could have easily been a winning season to be just 3-8. The team knocked off Oregon on the road, their first win vs a ranked non-conf team since 1973 and also beat #24 Minnesota in front of just 22,282, the smallest home crowd in 40 years. It was the first time they beat 2 ranked teams in a season since '87 then came the close losses. This year brings another coaching change and another inexperienced team (21 lettermen lost). I think Terry Hoeppner did a fine job at Miami and this team can easily start the season 3-0 which helps to get players to buy into the new coach's program. They also host the Illini early, but this rebuilding Hoosier team still has a lot of ground to make up on the rest of the Big 10 as they were outgained by 119.8 ypg in league play last year. This team could have been 7-4 last season and will be off to a great start under a new HC, but it will be tough to win any of the final 6 games which will likely means an 11th consecutive losing season.

INDIANA HOOSIERS

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TERRY HOEPPNER (Career 48-25)
1st Year at Indiana
Hoeppner's SU Bowl Record: 1-1

2004 RECORD: (3-8)

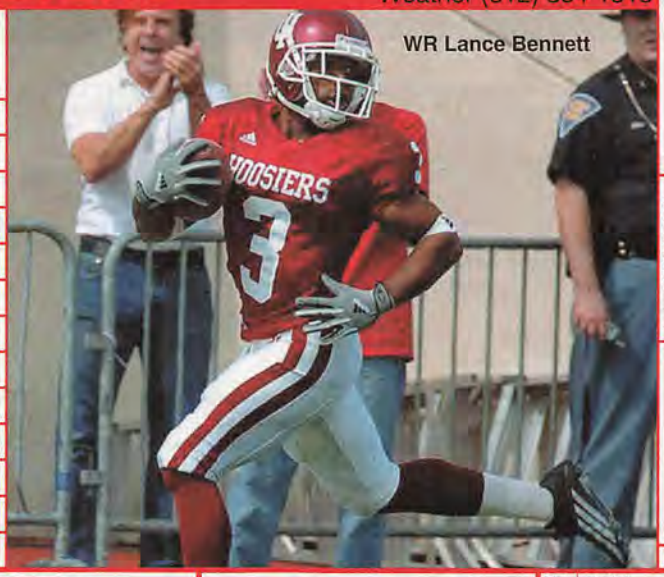
RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (19,18,1)
Lost: 21 (9,9,3)

2004 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,377

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2005 Schedule Difficulty-#37

Date	Opponent	TURF	Final Score IU	Final Score Opp
Sep. 2	at C Michigan (Fri)	A		
Sep. 10	Nicholls St	A		
Sep. 17	Kentucky	A		
Sep. 24				
Oct. 1	at Wisconsin	A		
Oct. 8	Illinois (HC)	A		
Oct. 15	at Iowa	G		
Oct. 22	Ohio St	A		
Oct. 29	at Michigan St	G		
Nov. 5	Minnesota	A		
Nov. 12	at Michigan	A		
Nov. 19	Purdue	A		
Nov. 26				



WR Lance Bennett

	HC	OC	DC
2004	Gerry DiNardo	Steve Addazio	Joe Cullen
2003	Gerry DiNardo	Al Borges	Tom Kish
2002	Gerry DiNardo	Al Borges	Tim Kish
2001	Cam Cameron	Hal Hunter	Jame Bell
2000	Cam Cameron	Hal Hunter	Jame Bell
1999	Cam Cameron	Cam Cameron	Joe Heacock
1998	Cam Cameron	Cam Cameron	Joe Heacock
1997	Cam Cameron	Cam Cameron	Joe Heacock

LAST 7 YEARS BIG 10 RANKINGS

	Big 10 Record	Finished	Total OFF	Total DEF	Avg Score in Big 10 Play
2004	1-7	#11	323	443	12.9-15.5
2003	1-7	#10	308	439	13.0-34.9
2002	1-7	#11	359	455	20.5-41.5
2001	4-4	#6	465	398	29.9-27.5
2000	2-6	#11	433	473	27.9-42.4
1999	3-5	#9	413	439	25.6-36.4
1998	2-6	#8	313	370	15.6-28.8

TOP 5 CAREER RECORD LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
1. Antwaan Randle El 7,469	1. Anthony Thompson 5,299	1. Courtney Roby 2,521
2. Steve Bradley 6,579	2. Antwaan Randle El 3,895	2. Ernie Jones 2,361
3. Dave Schnell 5,470	3. Alex Smith 3,492	3. Thomas Lewis 2,324
4. Trent Green 5,400	4. Mike Harkrader 3,257	4. Duane Gunn 2,235
5. Tim Clifford 4,338	5. Levron Williams 3,095	5. Jade Butcher 1,810

LAST 10 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	OPPONENT	SCORE
67	Rose	USC	3-14
79	Holiday	BYU	38-37
86	All-American	Florida St	13-27
87	Peach	Tennessee	22-27
88	Liberty	S Carolina	34-10
90	Peach	Auburn	23-27
91	Copper	Baylor	24-0
93	Independence	Virginia Tech	20-45

Indiana's All-Time SU Bowl Record 3-5

Last 6 Big 10 Titles
1967
1945

AP/Cch/UPI Nat'l Champs
None

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (52,180)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	10 Yr Total
Record	2-9	3-8	2-9	4-7	4-7	3-8	5-6	3-9	2-10	3-8	31-81
Home	2-5	1-4	2-4	3-2	3-4	3-3	3-3	3-3	2-4	2-3	24-35
Away	0-4	2-4	0-5	1-5	1-3	0-5	2-3	0-6	0-6	1-5	7-46

INDIANA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 10 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	23.8	17	136	3.2	186	55.3	13.5	+4	2004	7	31.2	23	197	5.0	256	56.4	14.5
6	14.8	20	155	3.4	167	52.7	21.8	+3	2003	6	32.3	22	193	4.5	237	67.1	13.3
7	21.5	19	117	3.2	252	51.1	17.1	-12	2002	5	37.1	22	235	5.4	194	60.3	11.6
7*	27.7	23	269	5.5	166	51.9	15.7	+7	2001	8	27.1	22	144	3.9	250	62.7	14.5
8*	30.6	23	266	5.8	173	47.3	14.3	-16	2000	6	38.8	25	186	4.7	271	64.7	11.8
9*	26.5	21	191	4.4	215	53.6	15.3	+1	1999	8	35.1	23	211	4.7	219	60.0	12.3
7*	21.7	19	196	4.3	169	47.0	16.3	+3	1998	6	27.7	21	154	3.9	243	63.3	14.3
5	10.9	15	91	2.6	214	56.9	27.9	-9	1997	6	32.6	21	181	4.5	232	50.0	12.7
10*	22.0	15	142	3.3	149	51.1	13.2	+1	1996	7	26.5	19	158	3.6	197	51.8	13.4
6*	14.5	19	131	3.0	171	50.9	20.9	-19	1995	6	29.6	17	197	4.5	140	57.3	11.4

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	231	881	87	794	5	3.4
Chris Taylor	**82**	**337**	**8**	**329**	**3**	**4.0**
Courtney Roby	21	153	18	135	2	6.4
Yamar Washington	**23**	**126**	**4**	**122**	**1**	**5.3**
Matt LoVecchio	93	326	214	112	2	1.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt LoVecchio	271	153	56.5	1951	13	7
Blake Powers	**22**	**9**	**40.9**	**98**	**0**	**2**
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Courtney Roby		55	810	14.7	7	64
Jahkeen Gilmore		**23**	**308**	**13.4**	**2**	**80**
Travis Haney		16	278	17.4	1	46
David Lewis		17	183	10.8	0	35
Chris Rudanovic		**12**	**133**	**11.1**	**2**	**27**
John Pannozzo		**9**	**88**	**9.8**	**0**	**14**
BJ Green-Ellis		14	80	5.7	0	20
Aaron Halterman		6	62	10.3	1	20
Chris Taylor		**4**	**58**	**14.5**	**0**	**39**
Rhett Kleinschmidt		**3**	**22**	**7.3**	**0**	**8**
Patrick Thompson		1	19	19.0	0	19
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Tyson Beattie	**65**	**2684**	**41.3**	**13**	**38.1**	**0**	**20**
Bryan Robertson	9	392	43.6	1	38.1	0	0
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Bryan Robertson	15-17	4-5	7-7	0-2	0-0	11-14	39

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Herana-Daze Jones	110	0	5	5	2
Kyle Killion	**107**	**5**	**12**	**1**	**2**
Paul Szczesny	71	0.5	3	5	1
Buster Larkins	**45**	**0**	**1**	**9**	**2**
Victor Adeyanju	**40**	**4**	**6**	**3**	**0**
Leslie Majors	**38**	**0**	**0**	**8**	**0**
Will Meyers	**33**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Will Lumpkin	**29**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Kenny Kendal	**26**	**5.5**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Jodie Clemons	25	2	4	1	0
Aaron Mitchell	**25**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Tracy Porter	**22**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**3**
Jake Powers	**22**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Russ Richardson	**17**	**3**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Martin LaPostolle	15	0	2	1	0
Cleo Harbison	14	0	2	0	0
Ben Ishola	**14**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Troy Grosfield	**13**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Adam McClurg	**12**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Lance Bennett	**19**	**208**	**10.9**	**1**
Damien Jones	**3**	**12**	**4.0**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Lance Bennett	**20**	**599**	**30.0**	**1**
Courtney Roby	3	67	22.3	0

2004 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
C Michigan	19	51 - 203	4.0	11 - 17	131	0	23	34 - 114	3.4	23 - 43	275	4	0
at Oregon	12	53 - 127	2.4	6 - 18	71	2	21	33 - 178	5.4	24 - 45	317	3	+5
at Kentucky	17	39 - 176	4.5	12 - 26	236	4	28	43 - 355	8.3	21 - 30	205	1	-1
Michigan St	12	37 - 105	2.8	12 - 22	153	2	18	48 - 241	5.0	15 - 23	172	1	0
Michigan	13	38 - 77	2.0	14 - 22	153	2	21	39 - 93	2.4	19 - 26	331	2	+2
at Northwestern	24	40 - 100	2.5	27 - 50	329	1	29	40 - 229	5.7	28 - 48	254	1	-1
at Ohio St	15	36 - 53	1.5	17 - 28	189	6	22	43 - 282	6.6	12 - 24	161	1	-1
Minnesota	23	51 - 238	4.7	13 - 26	161	1	16	41 - 169	4.1	11 - 30	182	0	+1
at Illinois	18	41 - 156	3.8	18 - 28	250	1	17	34 - 199	5.9	12 - 27	152	3	-2
Penn St	18	46 - 138	3.0	11 - 22	137	2	20	40 - 131	3.3	12 - 24	182	1	+1
at Purdue	19	39 - 119	3.1	21 - 34	239	6	37	34 - 173	5.1	35 - 56	590	5	0
TOTALS	190	471 - 1492	3.2	162 - 293	2049	27	252	429 - 2164	5.0	212 - 376	2821	22	+4
AVERAGES	17.3	43 - 136	3.2	15 - 27	186	2.5	22.9	39 - 197	5.0	19 - 34	256	2.0	0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Ball St	21-9 W
N Carolina	30-42 L
Kentucky	35-44 L
at Penn St	24-45 L
Illinois	34-31 W
Northwestern	34-17 W
at Wisconsin	0-59 L
at Iowa	38-31 W
Michigan	31-34 L
at Minnesota	20-44 L
Purdue	24-30 L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
NC State	38-41 L
at Kentucky	34-41 L
Cincinnati	42-6 W
Iowa	45-33 W
at Northwestern	33-52 L
at Michigan	0-58 L
Minnesota	51-43 W
Penn St	24-27 L
at Illinois	35-42 L
Wisconsin	22-43 L
at Purdue	13-41 L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at NC State	14-35 L
Utah	26-28 L
Ohio St	14-27 L
at Wisconsin	63-32 W
Illinois	14-35 L
at Iowa	28-42 L
Northwestern	56-21 W
at Michigan St	37-28 W
at Penn St	14-28 L
Purdue	13-7 W
Kentucky	26-15 W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
William & Mary	25-17 W
at Utah	13-40 L
at Kentucky	17-27 L
C Michigan	39-29 W
at Ohio St	17-45 L
Wisconsin	32-29 W
Iowa	8-24 L
at Illinois	14-45 L
at Northwestern	37-41 L
Michigan St	21-56 L
Penn St	25-58 L
at Purdue	10-34 L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at Connecticut	10-34 L
at Washington	13-38 L
Indiana St	33-3 W
Kentucky	17-34 L
at Michigan	17-31 L
at Michigan St	3-31 L
Northwestern	OT 31-37 L
Ohio St	6-35 L
at Minnesota	7-55 L
Illinois	17-14 W
at Penn St	7-52 L
Purdue	16-24 L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
C Michigan	41-10 W
at Oregon	30-24 W
at Kentucky	32-51 L
Michigan St	20-30 L
Michigan	14-35 L
at Northwestern	2OT 24-31 L
at Ohio St	7-30 L
Minnesota	30-21 W
at Illinois	22-26 L
Penn St	18-22 L
at Purdue	24-63 L

INDIANA 2005 DEPTH CHART

WR Lance Bennett

OFFENSE

QB
#14 BLAKE POWERS SO.
6-4 228 **PS#103**
#1 QB into August. 9 of 22, 0-2 ratio, 5 gms as #2 QB as rFr.
#12 GRAEME MCFARLAND JR.
6-1 204 **PS#112**
Did not play in '04 after quitting the program after kidney surgery. 9 games and starter vs Minnesota due to injury, 206 yds (50%) and 1 TD pass.

RB
#30 CHRIS TAYLOR SR.
6-0 220 **PS#407**
5 sts, 3 yrs. 1022 yds (4.2), 17 rec. 35" VL.
#33 YAMAR WASHINGTON SR.
5-9 205 **PS#178**
122 yds (5.3) LY. Torn ACL in '03. 8 sts, 688 yds (4.0) in '02. Fastest RB prior to inj.

WR
#2 MARCUS THIGPEN rFR.
5-9 175 **PS#255DB**
Track:6.79 60. Hoeppner said may be the fastest player he's ever coached.
#82 JAMES BAILEY rFR.
6-2 205 **PS#183**
Working with #1's until broken pelvis in car accident in spring '05.

K
#5 TROY GROSFIELD JR.
6-0 190 **PS#45**
13 tkls, 6 gms, 99 snaps as DB LY. 13 TB on 39 KO's in '03.
#NA JOE KLEINSMITH FR.
5-11 167 **PS#97DB**
8 FG's L/47 as HS Sr. 15 FG's L/52 as a Jr. Also P, WR, DB & sp tms coverage units.

WR
#22 JAMES HARDY rFR.
6-7 185 **PS#191**
Hoeppner:"natural resource of the state of Indiana" F on hoops team.
#20 COURTNEY CLENCY SR.
5-10 180 **PS#132RB**
4.37 speed. 4 tkls, 21 gms as DB/sp tms L2Y. 7 gms, 21 yds as rFr RB.

TE
#89 CHRIS RUDANOVIC JR.
6-4 265 **PS#60DL**
4.75 speed. 2 sts, 12 rec (11.1) LY. 3 sts, 3 rec (13.3), 11 gms as true.
#88 NICK SEXTON SO.
6-5 260 **PS#120WR**
+25 lbs in offseason. 11 gms, 46 snaps, #3 TE as rFr. Torn ACL as true.

WR
#1 JAHKEEN GILMORE SR.
6-0 214 **PS#90**
4.36 speed. 350 bench. 2 sts LY, 23 rec (13.4). DB in '03. Partial qualifier in '02.
#3 LANCE BENNETT JR.
5-6 167
#1 Big 10 w/20 KR (30.0) & 1 TD. #6 B10 w/19 PR (10.9) despite torn ACL in spring '04. 18 KR (22.5), 11 PR (9.4) as true.

RT
#60 JUSTIN FRYE JR.
6-5 310 **PS#202DL**
11 sts in '04, 734 snaps despite ankle inj. 12 sts as rFr, 821 snaps.
#69 SEAN EDMUNDSON rFR.
6-4 274 **PS#127**
#2 RT out of spring '05. Bulked up in RS yr.

RG
#73 BRANDON HATCHER SR.
6-2 305 **PS#74LB**
400 bench. Last 7 sts, 456 snaps LY. 1st 4 sts at C, 240 snaps until inj in '03.
#68 BRANDON JOYCE SO.
6-5 310 **PS#284**
#1 RG out of spring'05. Greatly improved strength & conditioning.

C
#74 CHRIS MANGIERO JR.
6-1 310 **PS#241**
First 4 sts until ankle inj LY. Last 8 sts as true, 693 snaps.
#57 AARON BERN rFR.
6-4 291 **PS#429**
Redshirted LY. Originally signed with UCF in '03.

LG
#75 ADAM HINES SR.
6-2 315 **PS#147**
11 sts (4 at LG, 7 at LT), 756 snaps LY. 12 sts, 969 snaps-#1 on tm in '03. 10 sts, 560 snaps as true.
#50 JOHNATHAN SANDBERG SO.
6-2 295 **PS#210DL**
+23 lbs TY! 2nd string, 11 gms, 116 snaps in OG rotation as true.

LT
#76 ISAAC SOWELLS SR.
6-3 330 **PS#405DL**
NFL prospect. 695 squat, 400 bench. 1st 4 sts until inj LY. 12 sts, 967 snaps in '03. 2nd string, 337 snaps as rFr.
#79 SCOTT ANDERSON JR.
6-6 305 **PS#151**
2nd string, 23 gms, 85 snaps L2Y. Crohn's disease in HS.

DEFENSE

DE
#94 VICTOR ADEYANJU SR.
6-4 270 **PS#575**
+20 lbs in offseason. 400 bench. 11 sts, 40 tkls, 10 tfl LY. 22 sts, 64 tkls, 15 tfl, 4 pbu in '02-'03.
#99 BEN ISHOLA SR.
6-3 250 **PS#506LB**
4.6 speed. 400 bench. 16 tkls, 3 sks as designated pass rusher L2Y. Nigerian native discovered playing for German club team.

DT
#55 RUSS RICHARDSON SR.
6-0 260 **PS#291**
435 bench. 5 sts, 17 tkls, 5 tfl LY. 17 tkls, 259 snaps in '03.10 sts, 21 tkls, as rFr.
#95 JOE KREMER SO.
6-2 295 **PS#242**
4.8 speed. +40 lbs since Sr yr of HS. 5 gms, 1 tkl, 28 snaps as rFr.

DT
#77 KENNY LOVE rFR.
6-2 290 **PS#113**
Track. +20 lbs in RS season. Groomed as heir apparent at DT. Run stopper.
#62 GREG BROWN rFR.
6-2 300 **PS#584OL**
Track: shot & discus. +20 lbs in RS season. Almost lost RS as true.

DE
#92 KENNY KENDAL JR.
6-3 260 **PS#145**
+23 lbs in offseason. 11 sts, 26 tkls, 5.5 sks LY. 12 sts as rFr, 807 snaps, 30 tkls, 5 tfl. Non-stop motor.
#93 CHARLES EMERSON SO.
6-5 265 **PS#255**
+15 lbs in offseason. 1 pbu in 1 gm, 20 snaps as rFr.

CB
#36 TRACY PORTER SO.
5-11 178 **PS#908**
1st 7 sts, 22 tkls, 6 pbu, 3 int until shoulder inj as true. 10.4 100m in HS.
#22 DAMIEN JONES SR.
5-10 185 **PS#216**
1 st, 8 tkls LY. Acad ineligible in '03. 10 sts, 55 tkls, 5 pbu, 3 int as rFr.

OLB
#46 JAKE POWERS JR.
6-1 225 **PS#132**
8 sts, 22 tkls, 2 pbu LY. L/5 sts, 44 tkls, 2 tfl, 363 plays as true.
#37 GREG WEEKS rFR.
5-11 225 **PS#282RB**
2 gms in '04 but RS. 4.58 speed, 33" VL, 345 bench, 575 squat.
#13 JOSH MOORE SR.
5-11 225 **PS#515**
Rejoined tm in spring. DNP in '04. 4.5 speed. 7 sts, 68 tkls, 5 tfl in '03.

MLB
#34 JOHN PANNOZZO SR.
5-11 230 **PS#367RB**
Moved to MLB from FB in spring. 28 sts at FB 3Y, 50 rec, 494 ttl yds.
#NA MATT LEWIS FR.
6-2 245 **PS#43DL**
4.55 speed. 3x All FL 5A. 100 tkls, 13 sks as HS Sr.
#49 ISAAC PRICE rFR.
6-2 215 **PS#129**
Arrived as WR, moved to S last fall and LB this spring.

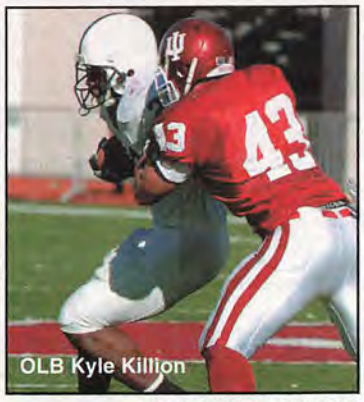
OLB
#43 KYLE KILLION SR.
6-0 230 **PS#392**
11 sts LY at MLB, 107 tkls, 5 sks, 12 tfl, **2nd TM Big 10.** 12 sts, 97 tkls, 7 tfl, 875 plays in '03. 4 sts, 28 tkls, 4 tfl as true.
#53 MIKE MARVIS rFR.
6-1 253 **PS#113**
+33 lbs in RS year. 4.6 speed.

CB
#28 LESLIE MAJORS SO.
5-9 165 **PS#191**
4.25 speed! Burned RS for L/6 gms. L/4 sts, 38 tkls, 8 pbu as true. Gm winning pbu vs Minnesota.
#8 BUSTER LARKINS SR.
5-11 185 **PS#147**
11 sts, 45 tkls, 9 pbu, 2 int LY. 3 sts, 18 tkls, 12 gms on sp tms in '03. 8 sts, 49 tkls, 4 pbu, 791 snaps as rFr.

FS
#4 WILL LUMPKIN SR.
5-10 205 **PS#93**
4 sts, 29 tkls, 2 TD's on D LY. 2 sts until torn ACL in '03. 1 st, 17 tkls, 3 pbu, 380 snaps as rFr.
#25 ERIC MCCLURG JR.
6-0 205 **PS#477**
11 tkls, 1 tfl in 1st yr after transfer from Ball St. 30 career int in HS.

P
#44 TYSON BEATTIE JR.
6-2 206 **PS#140**
65 punts LY, 41.3 avg, #18 NCAA w/ 38.1 net. 68 punts in '03, 40.8 avg, net 34.7. Australian rules football.

SS
#39 WILL MEYERS JR.
5-11 205 **PS#89**
4 sts, 33 tkls, 2 pbu (inj) LY. 4 sts, 83 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 FF as true. 4.48 speed.
#24 AARON MITCHELL SO.
5-11 195 **PS#272**
5 sts, 25 tkls, 2 pbu, 8 gms as rFr. Option QB in HS.


OLB Kyle Killion

INDIANA HOOSIERS ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Offensive Coor/TE's: Bill Lynch, 1st year
Led Div III DePauw to an 8-2 record in '04. Coached against Hoeppner as the HC of Ball St from '95-'02. BSU won the MAC Championship and played in the Las Vegas Bowl in '96.

Pass game coor/QB's: Matt Canada, 2nd year
Hoeppner retained Canada who served as QB coach under DiNardo last year. Prior to that he spent 6 years at Northern Illinois as OC ('03), QB coach ('01-'02), and RB coach ('98-2000).

RB's: Gerald Brown, 4th year
Brown has the staff's longest tenure as he served as RB coach under DiNardo. Brown followed DiNardo over from the XFL where he was Memphis' RB coach in '01.

WR's: Billy Lynch, 1st year
Son of OC Bill Lynch. Served as Miami (OH) TE coach in '04 and grad assistant there prior.

OL's/Run Game Coord: Bobby Johnson, 1st year
TE coach at Miami (OH) throughout Hoeppner's tenure from '99-2004. DL coach at Akron '98-'99.

DEFENSE

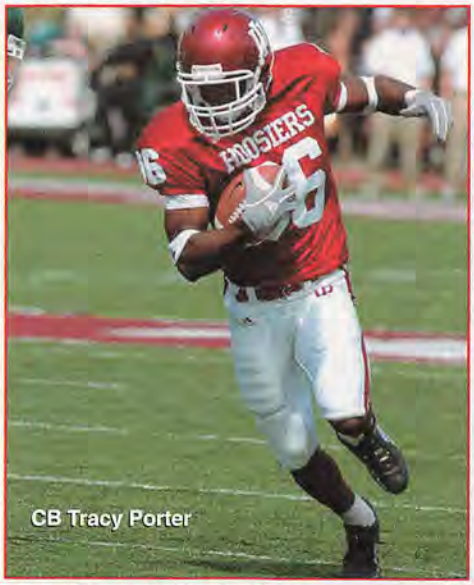
Co-DC/DL: Brian George, 1st year
Served under Hoeppner at Miami (OH) from '99-'04 including as Co-DC in '04 when the Redhawks ranked 17th in the NCAA allowing just 108.9 rush ypg. DL coach at UM from '02-'04.

LB's: George Ricumstrict, 1st year
LB coach at Miami (OH) in 2004. LB & Sp Tms Coordinator at Central Michigan from 2000-'03.

Co-DC/Safeties: Joe Palcic, 1st year
Co-DC at Miami in 2004 with George. UM defense allowed just 23.4 ppg last year. Miami defensive assistant from 2000-'04.

CB's: Troy Douglas, 2nd year
Lone defensive holdover from DiNardo's staff. CB coach here in 2004. CB coach at South Carolina St in 2003. Secondary coach at Michigan St from 2001-'02 was his prior Big 10 coaching experience.

Strength: Ray Riedinger, 1st year
HC/Strength coach at Holy Cross HS in Louisville for the last 5 years. Assistant strength coach at Miami (FL) for two years prior.



CB Tracy Porter

GAME BY GAME TEAM STATS

VERSUS	C MICH	OREGON	KENTUCKY	MICH ST	MICH	N'WSTRN	OHIO ST	MINN	ILLINOIS	PENN ST	PRUDUE	TOTALS
SCORE	41	30	32	20	14	24	7	30	22	18	24	262
FD's	19	12	17	12	13	24	15	23	18	18	19	190
TOTAL YARDS	334	198	412	258	230	429	242	399	406	275	358	3541
RUSH YARDS	51-203	53-127	39-176	37-105	38-77	40-100	36-53	51-238	41-156	46-138	39-119	471-1492
PASS YARDS	131	71	236	153	153	329	189	161	250	137	239	2049
COM-ATT	11-17	6-18	12-26	12-22	14-22	27-50	17-28	13-26	18-28	11-22	21-34	162-293
INT	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	9
SACKS VS/Yds	0-0	2-26	4-3	2-13	2-20	1-6	6-49	1-4	1-7	2-20	6-47	27-195
FUMBLES/Lost	2-2	2-1	2-1	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	16-6
OPPONENTS STATS												
SCORE	10	24	51	30	35	31	30	21	26	22	63	343
FD's	23	21	28	18	21	29	22	16	17	20	37	252
TOTAL YARDS	389	495	560	413	424	483	443	351	351	313	763	4985
RUSH YARDS	34-114	33-178	43-355	48-241	39-93	40-229	43-282	41-169	34-199	40-131	34-173	429-2164
PASS YARDS	275	317	205	172	331	254	161	182	152	182	590	2821
COM-ATT	23-43	24-45	21-30	15-23	19-26	28-48	12-24	11-30	12-27	12-24	35-56	212-376
INT	2	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	11
SACKS BY/Yds	4-36	3-17	1-1	1-5	2-25	1-2	1-3	0-0	3-7	1-12	5-40	22-148
FUMBLES/Lost	1-0	4-4	3-1	3-0	3-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-1	19-8

INDIVIDUAL GAME PERFORMANCES

RUSHING	C MICH	OREGON	KENTUCKY	MICH ST	MICH	N'WSTRN	OHIO ST	MINN	ILLINOIS	PENN ST	PRUDUE
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	28-97-1	29-91-1	23-115-0	23-65-0	14-38-1	24-44-0	14-21-0	22-110-1	24-70-1	15-49-0	15-94-0
Chris Taylor	11-53-1	5-12-0	5-32-1	3-12-0	4-6-0	3-(-2)-0	9-53-0	9-35-0	9-34-0	15-46-0	9-48-1
Courtney Roby	–	1-11-0	1-10-0	2-16-0	2-(-5)-0	–	1-7-0	3-23-0	3-34-1	6-36-1	1-1-0
Yamar Washington	6-30-1	2-15-0	–	1-2-0	–	–	–	10-46-0	–	–	4-29-0
Matt LoVecchio	4-20-1	12-23-0	6-8-0	8-10-0	13-17-0	11-57-0	9-(-16)-1	6-25-0	4-14-0	10-7-0	10-(-53)-0
PASSING											
Matt LoVecchio	9-14-0	6-18-1	12-24-1	12-22-2	13-19-0	27-50-1	14-25-1	13-26-0	15-17-0	11-22-1	21-34-0
(Com-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	121-1	71-1	236-2	153-1	139-1	329-3	156-0	161-2	209-1	137-0	239-1
Blake Powers	2-3-0	–	0-2-0	–	1-3-0	–	3-3-0	–	3-11-2	0-0-0	–
	10-0		0-0		14-0		33-0		41-0	0-0	
RECEIVING											
Courtney Roby	5-42-0	4-60-1	7-184-0	5-86-1	5-70-1	8-150-1	5-79-0	6-54-1	4-24-0	–	6-61-1
Jahkeen Gilmore	–	–	1-15-0	1-19-0	3-30-0	7-80-1	4-26-0	2-12-0	3-95-1	–	2-31-0
Travis Haney	2-65-1	1-6-0	–	1-9-0	2-21-0	2-30-0	2-29-0	1-15-0	–	3-74-0	2-29-0
David Lewis	1-4-0	–	1-4-0	1-10-0	–	–	2-22-0	1-35-0	2-11-0	2-34-0	1-6-0
Chris Rudanovic	1-6-0	–	–	1-12-1	–	–	–	1-6-1	6-62-0	–	3-47-0

INDIANA'S 2005 ROSTER

#	Name	Year	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown
94	Victor Adeyanju	SR	DE	6-4	270	Chicago, IL
52	Tyler Altman	SO	DL	6-0	250	Latrobe, PA
79	Scott Anderson	JR	OL	6-6	305	Lafayette, IN
82	James Bailey	rFR	WR	6-2	205	Detroit, MI
44	Tyson Beattie	JR	P	6-2	206	Attadale, Australia
3	Lance Bennett	JR	WR	5-6	167	Brooklyn, NY
57	Aaron Bern	rFR	OL	6-4	291	Montgomery, AL
62	Greg Brown	rFR	DL	6-2	300	Centerville, OH
54	Tim Bugg	SO	LS	6-0	250	Mishawaka, IN
23	Kenni Burns	SO	RB	5-11	202	Springfield, IL
10	Rayshun Calhoun	rFR	CB	5-10	206	Atlanta, GA
20	Courtney Clency	SR	WR	5-10	180	Indianapolis, IN
69	Sean Edmundson	rFR	OL	6-4	274	Greenwood, IN
93	Charlie Emerson	SO	DL	6-5	265	Weston, CT
85	Brian Faires	SO	TE	6-3	250	Indianapolis, IN
60	Justin Frye	JR	OL	6-5	310	Elwood, IN
1	Jahkeen Gilmore	SR	WR	6-0	214	Brooklyn, NY
15	Grant Gregory	rFR	QB	6-1	205	The Plains, OH
5	Troy Grosfield	JR	DB	6-0	190	Littleton, CO
86	Paul Haan	SO	WR	6-2	185	Lafayette, IN
22	James Hardy	FR	WR	6-7	185	Fort Wayne, IN
73	Brandon Hatcher	SR	C	6-2	305	Detroit, MI
70	Paul Hearn	SO	OL	6-4	305	Lennoxville, Quebec
75	Adam Hines	SR	OL	6-2	315	Vandalia, OH
93	Michael Hines	SO	P	5-11	190	Fort Wayne, IN
99	Ben Ishola	SR	DE	6-3	250	Berlin, Germany
22	Damien Jones	SR	CB	5-10	185	Houston, TX
68	Brandon Joyce	SO	OL	6-5	310	St Charles, MO
65	Jeremiah Kellam	SO	OT	6-3	315	Wabash, IN
92	Kenny Kendal	JR	DE	6-3	260	Chicago, IL
43	Kyle Killion	SR	LB	6-0	230	Kingwood, TX
81	Rhett Kleinschmidt	SR	WR	6-2	198	Metarie, LA
95	Joe Kremer	SO	DT	6-2	295	Urbana, OH
8	Buster Larkins	SR	CB	5-11	185	Indianapolis, IN
77	Kenny Love Jr	rFR	DT	6-2	290	Pennington, NJ
72	Nick Luce	SO	DT	6-2	270	Vincennes, IN
4	Will Lumpkin	SR	SS	5-10	205	Trotwood, OH
28	Leslie Majors	SO	CB	5-9	165	S Holland, IL
74	Chris Mangiero	JR	C	6-1	310	Brooklyn, NY
35	Ryan Marando	rFR	LB	6-2	240	Lakewood, OH
53	Mike Marvis	rFR	LB	6-1	253	Greensburg, PA
51	Adam McClurg	SO	LB	6-0	226	Greenwood, IN
25	Eric McClurg	JR	S	6-0	205	Greenwood, IN
12	Graeme McFarland	JR	QB	6-1	204	Mountain Brook, AL
39	Will Meyers	JR	S	5-11	205	Ballwin, MO
25	Jeremy Miles	JR	S	5-10	206	Cordova, TN
24	Aaron Mitchell	SO	S	5-11	195	S Holland, IL
58	Matt Moses	rFR	OL	6-3	290	Columbus, IN
41	Brandon Mosley	rFR	S	5-9	185	Merrillville, IN
53	Mark Naaman	SR	LB	6-0	215	Indianapolis, IN
63	Casey Nowinski	JR	LB	6-2	219	Merrillville, IN
83	Matt O'Neal	JR	TE	6-2	226	Terre Haute, IN
56	Patrick Oldham	SO	OL	6-2	300	Indianapolis, IN
34	John Pannozzo	SR	LB	5-11	230	Brooklyn, NY
16	Chris Phillips	rFR	CB	5-11	170	Atlanta, GA
36	Tracy Porter	SO	CB	5-11	178	Port Allen LA
14	Blake Powers	SO	QB	6-4	228	Brandenburg, KY
46	Jake Powers	JR	LB	6-1	225	Danville, IN
49	Isaac Price	rFR	LB	6-2	215	Southfield, MI
55	Russ Richardson	SR	DT	6-0	260	Phoenix, AZ
91	Drew Robbins	SO	K	6-0	195	Columbus, IN
89	Chris Rudanovic	JR	TE	6-4	265	Sussex, NJ
50	Johnathan Sandberg	SO	OG	6-2	295	Monon, IN
42	Josiah Sears	SO	FB	6-0	250	Greenfield, IN
88	Nick Sexton	SO	TE	6-5	260	Bloomington, IN
29	Ryan Skelton	JR	S	6-3	210	Greenwood, IN
76	Isaac Sowells	SR	OL	6-3	330	Louisville, KY
44	Austin Starr	rFR	K	6-2	188	Logansport, IN
45	Alex Stscherban	JR	FB	5-11	230	Mishawaka, IN
30	Chris Taylor	SR	RB	6-0	220	Cordova, TN
2	Marcus Thigpen	rFR	WR	5-9	175	Detroit, MI
98	Kyle Thomas	rFR	DE	6-4	250	Bloomington, IN
47	Brian Tracz	rFR	FB	6-0	255	Philadelphia, PA
96	Kevin Trulock	rFR	K	6-1	175	Indianapolis, IN
33	Yamar Washington	SR	RB	5-9	205	Houston, TX
37	Greg Weeks	rFR	LB	5-11	225	Sarasota, FL
61	Ben Wyss	SO	OL	6-1	285	Fort Wayne, IN

INDIANA HOOSIERS THE LAST 3 YEARS

2004 SEASON

RECORD: 3-8 BIG 10 RECORD: 1-7

INDIANA 41 C Michigan 10 - CM was int'd by IU's Porter at the 16 which set up a TD, 6-0 (xpng). CM went 63 yds but settled for a FG. IU tacked on a TD, 13-3. IU fmbl'd at the CM 37 and again at its own 28. CM was SOD on 4th & 15 with 2:36 left in the 2Q at the IU 43 which set IU up for a LoVecchio 46 yd TD pass. In the 3Q CM opened with a 71 yd drive but Porter ret'd an int 96 yds for a TD, 27-3. QB Smith came in for CM. IU went 51 yds and later 50 yds for 2 TD's with the latter drive behind bkup Powers, 41-3. CM went 80 yds for a TD with 4:52 left, 41-10. IU ret'd the KO 71 yds but was SOD. CM gained 81 yds but was SOD at the 1.

Indiana 30 OREGON 24 - UO dropped its 1st non-conf game at Autzen Stadium S/'94 while IU notched its 1st non-conf road win S'/'98. An UO fmbl set up an IU 39 yd FG. Later a UO fmbl'd punt set IU up for a 19 yd TD run by Green-Ellis. UO fmbl'd another punt which set up a TD pass to Roby. UO fmbl'd again which set up another IU FG for a stunning 20-0 lead. UO was SOD on 4th & 1 at the IU 32. IU drove 54 yds and nailed 31 yd FG. IU opened the 3Q by being int'd at its own 28 but UO was int'd in the EZ. UO went 60 yds with a 36 yd TD pass, 23-7. UO went on a 74 yd FG drive. IU's Bennett then ret'd the KO 98 yds for a TD, 30-10. UO answered with a 59 yd TD pass. UO drove 69 yds with a TD pass to Rosario with 8:38 left, 30-24. IU's P fielded the ball on his knee with 6:32 left but UO missed a 35 yd FG. IU fmbl'd and UO rec'd at the 27. Clemens was int'd at the 13 with 3:42 left. Fittingly, UO's last drive ended on an int at the IU 38.

KENTUCKY 51 Indiana 32 - After the 2 teams traded FG's, IU went 75 yds for a TD, 9-3 (xp blk'd). UK answered with a 76 yd TD drive and added a 67 yd TD run by Dixon, 17-9. IU went 79 yds for a TD to tie it, 17-17 (2 pt conv). IU was int'd and UK drove 24 yds for a TD. UK went 64 yds for a 22 yd FG, 27-17 at the half. Adeyanju ret'd a fmbl for a TD, 27-24. UK went 80 yds for a TD. IU fmbl'd the KO and UK tacked on a TD 5 plays later, 41-24. UK went 56 yds for a TD & then IU got a 64 yd TD pass, 48-32 (2 pt conv). IU was SOD at the UK 26. UK went 73 yds in 11 plays adding a 27 yd FG with 1:38 left.

Michigan St 30 INDIANA 20 - IU dominated the 1H with a 217-103 yd edge but MSU had a 310-41 yd 2H edge and Drew Stanton became the 1st MSU QB to rush for more than 100 yds S/'75. IU went 81 yds but settled for a 24 yd FG. MSU went 81 yds for a TD to take the lead, 7-3. IU went 80 yds for a TD. MSU's P mishandled the snap on a fake punt att and was tkl'd at the 13. IU missed a 23 yd FG but later Bennett ret'd a punt for a school record 94 yds for a TD untouched. Stanton was int'd and Porter ret'd it to the MSU 18 setting IU up for a 31 yd FG, 20-7. Stanton was int'd on a deep pass at the IU 26. In the 3Q MSU went 54 yds and scored a TD on 4th & goal from the 1. MSU got a 57 yd pass down to the IU 32 but settled for a 44 yd FG 20-17. IU was int'd at the MSU 22. MSU then went 78 yds for a TD to take the lead, 24-20. MSU got a 36 yd run by Stanton to the 15 and nailed a 22 yd FG. Stanton ripped off a 36 yd run to the IU 31 and MSU added a 39 yd FG with 2:35 left. IU was int'd at its own 40 and MSU ran out the clock.

Michigan 35 INDIANA 14 - IU faked a punt and got a FD to the UM 41. They got to the 14 but a bad snap saw the QB fall on it for a 29 yd loss and they ended up punting. UM went 84 yds including a 40 yd TD pass. UM went 34 yds but missed a 44 yd FG. IU got to the UM 32 but a sk pushed them back and they punted. UM went 70 yds but Henne fmbl'd at the IU 7. UM's Hall ret'd a punt 76 yds for a TD. UM fmbl'd and Killion returned it to the UM 11. Four plays later IU got a TD w/:06 left in the 2Q, 14-7. UM opened the 3Q with a 97 yd KR to the 3. On 4th & goal at the 1 they got a TD. UM added a 69 yd TD pass, 28-7, UM got an 80 yd TD drive. IU went 69 yds for a TD w/12:17 left, 35-14. Both bkup QB's finished the 4Q.

NORTHWESTERN 31 Indiana 24 (2OT) - NW went 75 yds but was SOD on 4th & 1 at the IU 3. IU fmbl'd setting NW up for a 36 yd TD drive. NW missed a 27 yd FG. IU went 80 yds and on 3rd & goal got a TD to tie it. IU went 60 yds but missed a 42 yd FG. NW missed a 48 yd FG with :29 left in the 1H. In the 3Q after a personal foul gave IU a FD on 3rd & 16, Roby raced 48 yds on a short pass for a TD, 14-7. NW was int'd at midfield but then went 94 yds for a TD, 14-14. IU got NW to jump offsides on 4th & 1 and nailed a 39 yd FG, 17-14 early in the 4Q. IU got to the NW 27 but 2 pen's pushed them back and they punted w/1:47 left. NW drove 49 yds and nailed a 32 yd FG w/:29 left, 17-17. IU started at its 41 after a personal foul on the KR but had no timeouts left. They ran a QB draw and then were int'd on a Hail Mary. In OT, IU needed just 2 plays for a TD. On 4th & 6 NW got a FD and then on 3rd & 2 Basanez, with several Hoosiers closing in, lofted a pass to the EZ. TE Jones, also surrounded by Hoosiers, somehow managed to pluck the ball out of the air, 24-24. In the 2nd OT NW, on 4th & 1, got a 16 yd TD run by Herron but IU, on 4th & 3, was sk'd.

OHIO ST 30 Indiana 7 - OSU's Troy Smith hit 12 of 24 for 161 yds in his 1st start.An OSU fmbl was rec'd by IU but after review OSU was given back the ball. On 3rd & 7 a pass was tipped and almost int'd but Ginn pulled it out of the air and raced 59 yds for a TD. OSU went 85 yds for a TD. A Roby 42 yd rec was the key play on an 80 yd TD drive, 14-7. Nugent nailed FG's from 29 & 52. IU missed a 40 yd FG. In the 3Q OSU added a 35 yd FG, 23-7. OSU's Pittman got a 28 yd TD run with 4:52 left.

INDIANA 30 Minnesota 21 - UM went 60 & 66 yds for TD's. After UM got a FD at the 50 on 3rd & 20, the game's key play happened when IU ret'd an int 42 yds for a TD, 14-6 (xpng). IU, with momentum, went 67 yds for a TD, 14-12 (2 ptng). UM was SOD on a fake punt on 4th & 1 at their own 45. IU went 52 yds for a TD with :39 left in the 1H, 20-14. IU went 53 yds for a 23 yd FG. UM answered with an 80 yd TD drive, 23-21. UM went 56 yds but was SOD on 4th & 9 at the IU 32. IU went 68 yds for a TD early in the 4Q. IU ran out the clock finishing at the UM 11.

ILLINOIS 26 Indiana 22 - On the game's 1st play IU's LoVecchio hit an 80 yd TD pass, 6-0 (xpng). After a 31 yd PR IU drove 45 yds for a TD, 13-0. IU ran a reverse to Roby for a 31 yd TD, 19-0 (2 ptng) with 7:24 left 1Q. IL got a FD via a fake punt which set up a 56 yd TD pass, 19-7. IL went 65 yds for a TD with :48 left in the 1Q, 19-14. After a scoreless 2Q, IU went 69 yds in 17 plays for a 1st down at the IL 16 but LoVecchio was KO'd. With Powers at QB they settled for a 37 yd FG, 22-14. With Beutjer at QB, IL went 80 yds in 4 plays with a 44 yd TD run by Thomas, 22-20 (2 ptng). Powers was int'd and Hayden ret'd it to the IN 30 with 4:22 left. With :30 left IL got a 2 yd TD pass to Jones (2 ptng). IU ret'd the KO to the 42 but Powers was int'd at the IL 48.

Penn St 22 INDIANA 18 - IU int'd Mills at the PSU 28 which IU turned into a TD 2 plays later. PSU went 68 yds and got a 37 yd TD pass to tie it. IU got to the PSU 22 but was int'd at the 12. PSU brought in true frosh Morelli who was int'd & Killion ret'd it 46 yds for a TD (xpng), 13-7 at the half. PSU went 81 yds for a TD late in the 3Q, 14-13. IU answered with a 74 yd FG drive aided by a roughing the passer pen on 3rd & 19. PSU went 80 yds for a TD with 4:51 left. IU would go 71 yds in 11 plays but was SOD on 4th & goal at the 2. PSU had the P step OOB for a safety on the final play.

PURDUE 63 Indiana 24 - PU went 86 yds for a TD and Orton threw for 401 yds w/5 TD's in the 1H. IU got a 53 yd run by Green-Ellis but settled for a 31 yd FG. PU went 80 & 78 yds for TD's, 21-3. PU got down to the 16 but Orton was sk'd & fmbl'd & Lumpkin ret'd it 74 yds for a TD. PU answered with a 78 yd TD drive. IU fmbl'd which set up a PU 32 yds TD drive, 35-10 with 11:21 to go 1H. PU later went 69 yds for a TD. PU was SOD on 4th & 10 at the IU 33. IU got to the PU 27 but was SOD on 4th & 11 with 1:19 left in the 2Q. In the 3Q PU went 59 yds for a TD, 49-10. IU went 65 yds and got a TD. IU went for it on 4th & 28 but was SOD at the PU 33. Kirsh came in at QB and threw 2 TD's. IU went on a 69 yd garbage time TD drive.

2003 SEASON

RECORD: 2-10 BIG 10 RECORD: 1-7

UCONN 34 Indiana 10 - UC drove for a 37 yd FG and then, after a fmbl, drove 41 yds for a TD, 10-0. IU drove 34 yds but settled for a 28 yd FG. UC drove 78 yds for a TD to lead 17-3 at half. UC opened the 3Q with a 47 yd TD drive. UC drove 62 yds but settled for a 21 yd FG. IU drove 76 yds for a TD, 27-10. UC missed a 45 yd FG and IU was SOD at the UC 36. Caulley's 43 yd TD run gave him 166 yds rushing on the day. IU drove but a 4th down pass fell inc with 3:50 left.

WASHINGTON 38 Indiana 13 - Surprisingly IU led 13-10 early in the 3Q after a 39 yd FG. The rest of the game was all UW as they would have a 305-38 yd edge and score four 3Q TD's and their 3 other drives ended on a two fumbles, one into the EZ and being SOD at the IU 22.

INDIANA 33 Indiana St 3 - A snap was mishandled by ISU's P for a safety and IU, after a 70 yd free kick ret, drove for a TD, 9-0. ISU got a 36 yd FG and IU 71 and 70 yd TD drives, 23-3 at the half. ISU fmbl'd at the IU 1 on their opening drive of the 3Q. IU later drove 44 yds but settled for a FG, 26-3. ISU was SOD at the IU 26 and IU's last drive ended in a Green-Ellis TD run.

Kentucky 34 INDIANA 17 - UK went 87 yds for a TD. IU drove 72 yds but settled for a 21 yd FG. IU had a 59 yd reverse for a TD called back and missed a 50 yd FG. LoVecchio hit Green-Ellis with a 63 yd TD to lead 10-7. Lorenzen lobbed up a jump ball which Bernard took for a 51 yd TD and UK regained the lead, 13-10. UK drove 51 and 64 yds for TD's, 27-10. LoVecchio was int'd in the EZ. IU drove 57 yds for a TD with 4:21 left. UK rec'd the onside kick and their 4th & 1 TD run iced it.

MICHIGAN 31 Indiana 17 - UM was int'd at the IU 5 and 29 but did get a 68 yd PR and a 60 yd int return for TD's, 14-0. UM added a 44 yd FG. After IU was SOD, UM drove 68 yds for a TD, 24-0 at the half. IU opened the 3Q with a 70 yd, 18 play drive for a 27 yd FG. Early in the 4Q UM drove 51 yds for a TD. IU blk'd a punt for a TD with 4:16 left. IU drove 55 yds for a garbage time TD.

MICHIGAN ST 31 Indiana 3 - MSU drove 60 & 66 yds for TD's. IU drove 73 yds but settled for a 21 yd FG, 14-3 at the half. MSU got a 49 yd FG and after IU fmbl'd, drove 80 yds for a TD and a 24-3 lead. IU was sk'd on 4th & 6 at the MSU 24 and MSU later went 71 yds for a TD. IU went 73 yds but was SOD on 4th & goal. MSU ran out the final 3:00.

Northwestern 37 INDIANA 31 (OT) - NW jumped out to a 17-0 lead with a 26 yd drive after an int and a 77 yd TD pass. It was 24-7 when IU drove 68 yds for a TD and missed a 51 yd FG on the 1H's final play, 24-14. IU got a 55 yd pass early in the 3Q but settled for a 22 yd FG and then drove 78 yds for a TD to tie it at 24. IU drove 37 yds for a TD to take their 1st lead with 11:54 left. NW got a 60 yd PR setting up a 5 yd TD drive which came on 4th & 1, 31-31 with 4:46 left. IU took over at its 46 but was forced to settle for a 55 yd FG which was no good. In OT IU was int'd in the EZ while NW got a 4 yd TD run.

Ohio St 35 INDIANA 6 - OSU had the crowd edge in front of 51,240. OSU drove 79, 66 and 49 yds for TD's. OSU missed a 35 yd FG and fmbl'd at the IU 10 and led 21-0 at the half with a 330-46 yd edge. OSU was int'd at the 6 but drove 49 yds for a TD. They fmbl'd going into the EZ at the end of a 37 yd pass for a TB but then drove 70 yds for a TD with 6:22 left, 35-0. IU got a 58 yd garbage time TD drive.

MINNESOTA 55 Indiana 7 - IU bkup QB McFarland was told he would start Sat morning (inj). McFarland fmbl'd on the game's 4th play and UM ret'd it for a TD. UM drove 42 yds for a TD, 13-0. Each team missed FG's. UM drove 38 yds for a TD and IU answered with a 69 yd, 16 play TD drive, 21-7. UM would add 80 and 37 yd TD drives to extend it to 34-7. A 62 yd PR set UM up for a 27 yd TD drive. IU was SOD on its next 2 poss and MIN drove 81 & 68 yds for TD's.

INDIANA 17 Illinios 14 - Both teams had just 1 win each (vs IAA foes). IU opened with a 76 yd TD drive and IL missed a 39 yd FG. IU was SOD on 4th & 1 at the IL 38 with 1:08 left in the 1H. IL drove 62 yds for a TD with :08 left to tie. IL missed a 36 yd FG but then drove 69 yds for a TD, 14-7. IL had a 52 yd PR TD called back. IU drove 56 yds for a 40 yd FG, 14-10. IU drove 66 yds and LoVecchio's 3rd & goal 8 yd TD run with :24 left was the game winner.

PENN ST 52 Indiana 7 - IU opened with an 80 yd TD drive but PSU answered with 68, 96 and 80 yd TD drives, 21-7 at the half. In the 3Q PSU scored 31 pts with a 37 yd FG, a blk'd PR TD, a 52 yd TD drive, a 43 yd TD drive, and a 15 yd int return TD, 52-7 after 3Q's.

Purdue 24 INDIANA 16 - PU opened with an 80 yd TD drive. IU got a 36 yd run by Green-Ellis to set up a 39 yd FG. IU ret'd a fmbl to the PU 16, but had a 26 yd FG blk'd. IU missed a 45 yd FG on their next drive and PU got a 41 yd TD pass. IU was SOD at the PU 24 and trailed 14-3 at the half. PU got a 33 yd TD pass to Standeford. IU drove 67 yds for a TD and then got a 40 yd FG after a 40 yd drive, 21-13 after 3Q's. PU was int'd and IU got a 22 yd FG, 21-16. PU drove 74 yds but settled for a 22 yd FG with 5:25 left.

2002 SEASON

RECORD: 3-9 BIG 10 RECORD: 1-7

INDIANA 25 Wm & Mary 17 - At 7-7 WM went 80 yds for a TD. IU got a FG after starting a drive at the WM 25, 14-10 at the half. IU took the lead on a 13 yd TD drive after a fmbl and later recorded a safety on a punt, 19-14. IU drove 16 yds for a TD after a fmbl'd punt. WM got a FG but was int'd in the EZ, SOD at the IU 6 and on their final drive had a 1st & goal at the 1 but 2 cracks at the EZ failed. WM finished with -32 rush yds.

UTAH 40 Indiana 13 - Utah dominated w/386 rush yds (6.8) and in the 1H had SIX drives inside the IU 20 which produced just 20 pts including a fmbl on 1st & goal at the 1 which was rec'd by IU for a TB. IU did not run a single play in Utah terr but had a trick play go for a 53 yd TD and only trailed 20-6 at half. The Utes scored TD's on 80 & 44 yd drives and added 2 FG's to lead 40-6. IU rec'd a fmbl and got a garbage time TD w/:31 left.

KENTUCKY 27 Indiana 17 - Heavy rain & a 24:00 delay due to lightning. IU missed 2 FG's & had 2 TO's on their first 4 poss. UK went 80 and 39 yds for TD's. The game was delayed again 35:00. IU got a 41 yd FG on the 1H's final play, 14-3. IU got a 67 yd TD pass and 3 plays later a 40 yd int ret for a TD to stunningly lead 17-14. UK went 86 yds for a TD and led 21-17. IU was threatening at the UK 27 but Cumby ret'd an int 82 yds for a TD w/2:46 left to clinch it.

INDIANA 39 C Mich 29 - CM led 14-10. The tms exchanged TD's and both missed xp's, 20-16. IU fmbl'd and CM drove 32 yds for a TD w/:18 left in the 2Q, 26-16. CM went on a 61 yd FG drive, 29-16. IU went 88 yds for a TD and CM's Mixon started to come out of the EZ on the KO but took a knee and the officials ruled it a safety, 29-25. IU went 59 yds for a TD and their 1st lead, 32-29. CM missed a 39 yd FG and IU went 78 yds for a TD w/3:23 left.

OHIO ST 45 Indiana 17 - OSU drove 50 yds for a TD but IU got a 49 yd FG. OSU drove 45 yds for a TD but IU answered w/an 80 yd TD drive. OSU drove 45 yds for a TD, 21-10 at the half. OSU drove 86 & 18 yds (after a blk'd punt) for TD's and added a 51 yd FG, 38-10. IU was SOD at the OSU 12 and OSU drove 88 yds for a TD. IU got a 30 yd TD pass w/3:04 left.

INDIANA 32 Wisconsin 29 - An IU fmbl set UW up for a FG & IU answered with a FG. UW had 70 yd FG drive, 6-3. IU drove 91 yds for a TD. UW got a 44 yd FG and drove 64 yds for a TD, 16-10 at the half. UW added an 85 yd TD drive and after an int drove 8 yds for a TD, 29-10. IU drove 79 & 74 yds for TD's. IU drove 76 yds for a TD w/2:16 left to take the lead. UW's was SOD giving IU their 1st win over a ranked foe since 2000.

Iowa 24 INDIANA 8 - IU had 26-17 FD and 481-358 yd edges but 6 trips inside the Iowa 20 resulted in 3 pts. Iowa dominated early and led 17-0. IU had a 16 play drive end with an int in the EZ. IU drove to the Iowa 28 but was int'd at the 5 w/:10 left in the 1H. IU settled for 2 FG's after 14 & 13 play drives, 17-6. Iowa got a 65 yd TD pass. IU was SOD at the Iowa 18 and the Iowa 6. Iowa took an intentional safety and IU was int'd at the Iowa 5 w/:09 left.

ILLINOIS 45 Indiana 14 - IL took their first 4 poss 67, 64, 80 and 57 yds (after fmbl) for TD's, 28-0. They added a 55 yd TD drive after IU was SOD, 35-0 at the half. IL drove 65 yds for a TD on the 3Q's opening poss and emptied the bench. It was 45-0 when IU drove 63 & 74 yds for garbage time TD's including one w/:05 left.

NORTHWESTERN 41 Indiana 37 - IU went 60 yds for a TD, 6-0 (xpng) and NW got a 73 yd KR which set up an 18 yd TD drive, 6-6 (xpng). Both tms added long TD drives and NW led 13-12. IU got a FG but NW missed 1 & trailed 15-13 at half. IU was SOD on a fake punt on its own 26. NW got a TD and added another after an int, 27-15. Both tms got long TD drives, 34-22. IU ret'd a fmbl for a TD. IU drove for a TD after a fmbl, 37-34. After having a 1st & goal NW missed a FG. A 21 yd punt by IU set NW up for a TD w/2:17 left. IU's 4th & 4 pass from their 35 was dropped w/1:18 left.

Michigan St 56 INDIANA 21 - MSU was playing under interim HC Watts as Williams was fired during the week and MSU simply dominated the 1H as they had a 341-124 yd edge and led 42-7. They extended it to 56-7 w/5:14 left in the 3Q. IU got 80 & 57 yd TD drives late.

Penn St 58 INDIANA 25 - In the 1H, PSU had a 307-89 yd edge. PSU drove 47 yds for a TD (xp blk'd) but IU ret'd an int 59 yds for a TD, 7-6 PSU. After another PSU int, IU drove 21 yds for a TD and led 12-7. PSU led 28-18 at the half. PSU went 80 yds for a TD and added a FG after a fmbl, 38-18. IU went 80 yds for a TD. PSU got a TD and ret'd an int 35 yds for a TD, 52-25. Another int set PSU up for the final TD.

PURDUE 34 Indiana 10 - PU got an 81 yd TD drive. IU got a 50 yd FG but PU drove 85 yds for a TD and then went on a 16 play FG drive, 17-3 at half. PU was SOD at the IU 2 but added a 29 yd TD drive and a FG. IU got an 85 yd KR that set up an 8 yd TD drive. PU answered with a 71 yd TD drive with 5:35 left.

INDIANA HOOSIERS

2005 BIG 10 RECRUITMENT RANKING: 11
2005 NATIONAL RANK: 67

2005 NEWCOMERS

Josh Bailey PS#555RB 6-1 191 Warren Central HS/Indy, IN Most Valuable Player on 2 time Indiana state football champs who rushed for 846 yards and 8 TD's as a senior. 99 yd TD reception in state title game.

WR Chris Banks PS#127TE 6-2 164 Alliance HS/ Alliance, OH 4.55 speed with a verticle jump of 34". All-OH recognition averaging 35 yards per reception with 11 TD's at WR and 4 interceptions at SS as a senior.

Emile Bass PS#480DL 6-3 275 Sterling Hts HS/Detroit, MI Earned All-County laurels as a senior with 68 tackles and 15 sacks. Had 78 tackles and 6 sacks in his junior season. OL his first 2 years in HS.

Justin Carrington PS#152RB 6-0 195 Liberty HS/ Leesburg, VA 4.47 speed. 31" verticle jump. 650 squat. All-Virginia accolades after rushing for 1.886 yards on 281 carries (6.7 yards per carry) and scoring 26 TD's as a senior.

Bruce Hampton PS#151DB 5-10 178 Cleveland Hts HS/University Hts, OH Offered scholarship after impressive performance at Indiana's summer camp showing his 4.48 speed. Committed in November '04 before DiNardo's firing. Played for 2001 OH champs. Named 1of Ohio's top 40 players by Ohio High magazine. Hoeppner says is a CB who is always around the ball.

RB Ty Harangody PS#69TE 6-1 238 Andrean HS/ Schererville,IN Recruited as a fullback. 1st team All-State on Indiana Football Coaches Association list as a TE after finishing second in the state in receiving yards with 1.321 on 82 receptions and scoring 11 TD's. Played both ways a junior piling up 60 tkls and 3 sacks as LB and nabbing 40 receptions for 500 yards at TE. Father Dave was a Hoosier TE.

Geno Johnson PS#275LB 6-2 200 Bartow Senior HS/Bartow, FL 4.59 speed. Played in Central Florida All Star game. 3rd team All Florida 3A last year as a senior. 335 bench. 525 squat. Finished #6 in Florida Weightlifting State Championship as a junior.

Veryl "Neal" Jones PS#304DL 6-4 240 Dr Phillips HS/ Orlando, FL 4.7 speed. 320 bench. 500 squat. 91 tackles, 10 sacks, 6 forced fumbles, 5 passes broken up at DT as a senior. Will be moved to DE when he arrives.

Dan Kinsey PS#494DB 6-3 195 Beaver Local HS/Wellsville, OH 4.45 speed. Projected as OLB after he gains 20 to 30 lbs of muscle. 1st team All-OH and Northeast OH Defensive Player of the Year as a senior. Averaged 40 yards per return on kickoffs and 18 yards per return on punts. 2005 US champion in pentathlon and 2004 champ in decathlon. Will compete on IU track team.

DL Jammie Kirlew PS#44TE 6-4 235 Cypress Creek HS/Orlando, FL 4.7 speed. 2nd team All-FL while playing 3 positions on offense and 3 on defense as a senior due to the school's shortage of players (just 22). Recorded 105 tackles and had 6 TD receptions. Hoeppner calls him a big guy that can really run.

K Joe Kleinsmith PS#97DB 5-11 167 St Edward HS/ Lakewood, OH Two time All-OH selection. Played P, K, S and WR averaging 43.6 per punt with 16 inside the 20 as a senior. As a kicker hit 8 FG's with a season-long of 47. Caught 27 passes for 481 yards and 6 TD's in '04. Made 15 FG's with a long of 52 as a junior while intercepting 5 passes as a DB and blocking 6 kicks on the special teams coverage units. Hoeppner said in February may be used as more than just K and P and may see some fakes coming his way due to his athletic ability.

LB Matt Lewis PS#44DL 6-2 245 Mainland HS/ Daytona Beach, FL May compete for playing time at LB right away. Earned All-Florida 5A honors while playing FB, DE, DT and LB as a senior. Lewis piled up 100 tackles and 13 sacks in '04. Team won 5A Florida championship in '03 when he totalled 87 tackles with 23 tackles for loss and 12 sacks.

Demetrius McCray PS#222RB 5-11 185 Armwood HS/ Brandon, FL 4.47 speed. 325 bench. 1st team All-Florida 4A and County Offensive Player of the Year when he rushed for 1,642 yards on 142 carries and scored 29 TD's as a senior. On track his 400 meter relay team finished #3 in the state as a junior. Clocked 10.9 in the 100m dash. HS coach claims he was never caught from behind in HS career.

WR Andrew Means PS#363DB 6-0 200 Avon Lake HS/Avon Lake, OH All-OH while playing both ways. Means caught 35 receptions for 900 yards with 7 TD on offense and snared 7 interceptions on defense.

Todd Newman PS#117TE 6-4 245 Bartlett HS/ Bartlett, IL 4.7 speed. Bowling Green commit prior to Indiana's coaching change. All area performer as a blocking TE in a run based offense. A sectional shot put champion in track. Hoeppner called him big and nasty on signing day.

Bryan Payton PS#451RB 5-9 197 Fork Union HS/Fort Wayne, IN 4.46 speed. Rushed for 1,236 yards and 11 TD's at Fork Union last year. Had 1,600 yards as a HS senior but was lightly recruited due to academics.

Nick Polk PS#300WR 6-0 185 Vincent HS/ Milwaukee, WI 4.45 speed. All-WI while playing WR and DB. Caught 32 passes for 682 yards and 9 TD's while recording 8 interceptions with 3 returned for TD's in '04. Also played point guard on hoops team and ran track.

Tim Sergi PS#102RB 6-2 184 Roncalli HS/ Indy, IN 4.5 speed prior to tearing his ACL as a senior. All-IN performer rushing for 2,507 yards with 27 TD's as a junior. Sprinter on track team.

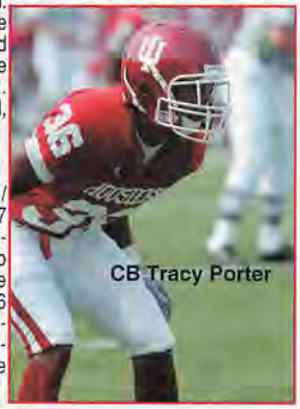
Austin Thomas PS#425DB 6-2 195 Sequoyah HS/ Woodstock, GA All-Georgia recognition and regional defensive player of the year with 139 tackles and 7 interceptions in '04. Also played at RB for half of the season running for 700 yards and 7 TD's. Comes in with a reputation as a big time hitter.

Terrence Turner PS#232WR 6-3 200 W Bloomfield HS/Auburn Hills, MI 4.48 speed. 37" verticle jump. Will compete in Michigan Shrine game. All-Michigan honoree while catching 37 passes for 749 yards as a senior. Hoeppner said on signing day could be a "real weapon for us down the road" after he gains weight and strength.

Troy Wagner PS#150TE 6-5 220 O'Fallon Twp HS/O'Fallon, IL 4.6 speed. All-Illinois and voted one of the St Louis area's top prospects. Caught 23 passes for 420 yards as a senior. Had 19 receptions for 393 yards and 3 TD's as a junior.

Brandon Walker-Roby PS#355WR 5-11 160 North Central HS/Indy, IN 4.37 speed. Brother of IU's all-time leading receiver and 2004 NFL draft choice Courtney Roby. Letterwinner in footbal, track and basketball.

TE Brian Zematis PS#354LB6-3 225 Andover HS/ Bloomfield Hills, MI 4.7 speed. 300 bench. All-Michigan performer who played DE and TE. He posted 111 tackles, 6 sacks and snared 2 interceptions on the defensive side of the ball while catching 12 passes.


CB Tracy Porter

NFL

2005

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	68	Courtney Roby	WR	Tennessee

2004

None

2003

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
7	232	Gibran Hamdan	QB	Washington

2002

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	62	Antwaan Randle El	WR	Pittsburgh

2001

None

2000

None

1999

None

1998

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
7	198	Victor Allotey	OG	Buffalo
7	207	Chris Liwienski	OG	Detroit

1997

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	32	Nathan Davis	DE	Atlanta
6	167	Steve Lee	FB	Baltimore

1996

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
7	249	Eric Smedley	S	Buffalo

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES PAST HISTORIES

1993 INDEPENDENCE BOWL VIRGINIA TECH 45 INDIANA 20

Both teams came in 8-3 and Indiana was ranked #20 and VT was #22. The Hoosiers struck first with a 75 yard John Paci TD pass to Thomas Lewis. With :09 left in the 1Q VT QB Maurice DeShazo hit Dwayne Thomas for a 13 yd TD pass to tie it up at 7. VT opened up the 2Q with a 6 yard Joe Swarm run TD, 14-7. UI got a 26 and 40 yard Manolopoulos FG's to bring it within 1, 14-13. With :35 left in the 1H the game would take a complete turn around. At the VT 49, IU's Paci was hit, the ball popped out and VT's Lawrence Lewis recovered and ran it in from 20 yds out, 21-13. On the final play of the half, VT blk'd a FG and FS Anontio Banks returned it 80 yds for yet another TD, 28-13 at the half. The 3Q was scoreless. VT put together two more TDs in the 4Q as DeShazo threw a 42 yd TD pass and Edwards ran it in from 5 yds out. The Hokies closed out their scoring with a 42 yd FG and IU got a 42 yd TD pass in garbage time for 45-20 final. The Hokies only had a 318-296 yd edge and 17-11 FD edge.

1991 COPPER BOWL INDIANA 24 BAYLOR 0

In one of the most impressive performance in the 1991 bowl season, Indiana dominated a highly regarded Baylor team. Indiana wasted little time getting started as QB Trent Green ran it in from 1 yd out in the 1Q, 7-0. In the 2Q K Scott Bonnell connected on a 27 yd FG attempt and RB Vaughn Dunbar scored on a 5 yd TD run and the Hoosiers jump out to a 17-0 halftime lead. Baylor's only threat was in the 3Q when the Bears reached Indiana's 2 yd line, but fumbled in the EZ and the Hoosiers recovered it. Indiana finished up the scoring with a 4 yd TD run by Green, 24-0. Indiana held Baylor to just 269 total yds.

1990 PEACH BOWL AUBURN 27 INDIANA 23

Indiana finished the 1990 regular season just 6-4-1 but it was good enough to earn them a bowl berth. Auburn opened the scoring with QB Stan White's 1st TD of the day, a 6 yd run with 3:37 to play in the 1Q. Indiana tied the game at 7-7 on the final play of the first period when QB Trent Green scored from 3 yds out. Auburn scored on an 11 yd White to Alex Smith pass and tacked on a 26 yard Jim Von Wyl FG to take a 17-10 lead at the half. Following a scoreless 3Q, Auburn kicked a 43 yd FG before the Hoosiers took a 23-20 lead into the game's final minutes on 2 more TD runs by Green. Green's 3rd TD came with just 2:27 to play. However, AU's White directed a 72 yd 13 play drive and capped it off with a 1 yd TD run with just :39 left for the 27-23 win. The Tigers did have a 24-15 FD and 440-220 yd edges.

1988 LIBERTY BOWL INDIANA 34 S CAROLINA 10

The Hoosiers were 7-3-1 and SCar was 8-3 while earning postseason berths for the 3rd and 2nd consecutive year respectively. Indiana dominated this cold and windy game as they had a 23-12 FD edge and a **575**-153 yd edge. IU RB Anthony Thompson began the scoring with a 7 yd TD run in the 1Q and the Hoosiers were tacked on 10 more in 2Q for a 17-0 halftime lead. The Gamecocks would close the gap to 17-7 in the 3Q when they scored on a 34 yd blk'd punt return. The two would exchange FGs to close out the 3Q scoring as Indiana hit a 19 yarder and SC a 43 yarder, 20-10. The game breaking play happened on the 1st snap of the 4Q when QB Dave Schnell hit Rob Turner for an 88 yd TD pass, 27-10. Thompson closed out the scoring with an 8 yd TD run which earned him the B10 single season TD record (26) and Indiana got the 34-10 victory. The Hoosiers 575 total yds of offense was a Liberty Bowl record. Schnell received the game MVP award.

1987/1988 PEACH BOWL TENNESSEE 27 INDIANA 22

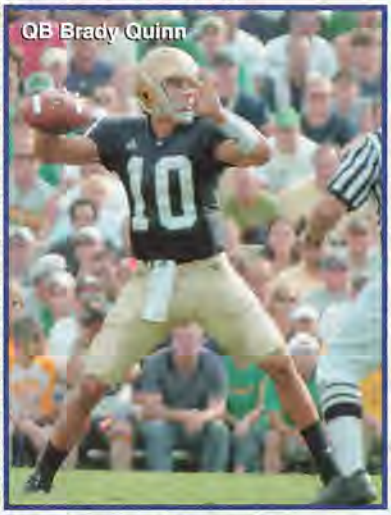
A Peach Bowl record 58,737 fans witnessed a Vol's come-from-behind effort with just 1:52 left to clinch the 27-22 victory. The Hoosiers came into this with a 8-3 regular season record with wins over Michigan and Ohio St. Tennessee jumped out to a quick 21-3 2Q lead and it looked like they were going to run away with it. Things really looked bleak for the Hoosiers when UT blk'd a punt on the IU 9 yd line. However, IU forced a fumble and drove 91 yds capped off by a 43 yd Dave Schnell TD pass and it was 21-10 at the half. The Hoosiers narrowed the gap with a 12 yd TD run by Anthony Thompson in the 3Q, 21-16 2 pt conv NG. In the 4Q Indiana faked a FG and Tim Jorden ran it from 12 yds out and IU led by 1, 22-21 2 pt conv NG again. UT, who had 4 other come-from-behind wins in the 1987 season, did it again when Reggie Cobb got the game-winner from 9 yards to give UT the 27-22 victory.

INDIANA DRAFT FACTS:

If you look at the chart above the Hoosiers were a typical lower rung team in the Big 10 with only 5 draft picks in 3 years ('96-'98). Amazingly in the last 7 years the team has had only 3 NFL draft picks. When Antwaan Randle El played here it was said that he was the team's best player by far, and that he would have been more productive with a better supporting cast. The chart above bears that out as he was the ONLY player drafted in the 4 years he played here. HC Gerry DiNardo produced 2 draft picks in his 3 years here. In the last 10 years, Indiana has not had a single 1st round pick and only 4 players have been selected in the 1st 6 rounds. Overall Indiana ranks last in the Big 10 in draft picks the last 10 years with 8, and the next closest team is Minnesota with twice that many (16).

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2005

QUARTERBACKS - Notre Dame has not had a great deal of success with the QB position as of late. From 1997 to 2003 nine QB's were recruited with eight of them switching positions or transferring before they completed their career. Ty Willingham inherited an option based team and tried to convert it to the West Coast offense which is generally a three year process. In his first year, he used option-oriented Carlyle Holiday (PS#8) as the starter and he threw for 1,788 yards (50.2%) with a 10-5 ratio. Former walk-on Pat Dillingham was the backup. Holiday was injured early in 2003 and true frosh Brady Quinn took over. In his first start vs Purdue he threw 59 passes and his 297 yards were the most by an Irish frosh's first start since 1951. Unfortunately his 4 int's in that game were the most since 1994. Quinn broke Steve Beuerlein's frosh record for passing yards (1,061 in '83) despite being the first ND QB to lose his first two home starts since someone named Joe Montana did so in 1975. He was the first regular starting Irish QB to finish with a negative ratio since Tony Rice in 1989. For the season he threw for 1,831 yards (47.3%) with a 9-15 ratio. Dillingham did not attempt a pass. Last year all three returned but Holiday moved full-time to WR. Dillingham fought off frosh recruits David Wolke (PS#44) and Darrin Bragg (PS#145) for the backup spot. Quinn threw for 432 yards vs Purdue, the 2nd most ever by an Irish QB and had a streak of 92 straight passes without an int. Unfortunately the streak was broken when he was int'd at BC's 1 and 11 yard lines which were crucial in that loss. Quinn threw for the 2nd most yards by an Irish QB in a season with 2,586 (54.1%) and had a 17-10 ratio while rushing for 155 gross yards. Dillingham departs after appearing in five games with six passes. The battle to be backup will be between Wolke, Bragg and this year's recruit Evan Sharpley (PS#13). Keep in mind new coaches tend to favor their own recruits. Charlie Weis has a reputation for molding QB's after taking a 6th round pick in Tom Brady and turning him into one of the NFL's best so I look for dramatic improvement in Quinn's passing numbers.


QB Brady Quinn

RUNNING BACKS - When Julius Jones missed 2002 due to academics Ryan Grant (PS#25) was the leading returning rusher with just 110 yards (3.8). Rashon Powers-Neal (PS#36) and Grant both suffered through an injury plagued year but Grant still led the team with 1,085 yards (4.2) while Powers-Neal finished with 333 (4.3). All three returned in 2003 and Jones took charge with 1,268 yards (5.5) while Powers-Neal moved to FB. Last year Jones was the #2DC of DAL while Grant suffered a hamstring injury mid-August missing 3 of the 1st 5 games. True frosh Darius Walker (PS#13), who did not play in the opening loss to BYU, rushed for 115 vs Michigan and then 98 vs Mich St, the best first two game total in Irish frosh history. Surprisingly he saw limited carries at midyear but finished as the leading rusher with 786 yards (4.2) the most ever for an ND frosh while Grant had 515 (4.1). This year they must replace Grant (9 st) and backups Marcus Wilson (138 yds) and FB Josh Schmidt (1st, 3 rec). Another true frosh, Justin Hoskins (PS#20) saw action late (16 yds). Hoskins was susp'd for all but one practice in spring but is expected to compete for carries. Walker and Powers-Neal both return with Powers-Neal splitting time at TB and FB in the spring. Not listed in the two deep is Jeff Jenkins (6-0 231 Jr, PS#75) who had 43 yards (4.8). Weis inherits a pretty talented backfield.

RECEIVERS - The Irish have plenty of VHT's in this unit but dropped passes were a problem in 2003. Rhema McKnight (PS#9) and Maurice Stovall (PS#4) led the team with 47 (12.8) and 22 (19.1) rec's. Basically the entire unit returned last year and TE Anthony Fasano (PS#8) set a school record for TE receiving yards in one game (155 vs Purdue). Stovall did miss three games with injury and saw his rec's drop to 21 (14.9). The game-breaker was Matt Shelton who runs on ND's indoor track team and averaged a school record 25.8 ypc on his 20 rec's. McKnight led the team again with 42 rec's (14.5). The only losses this year are WR Carlyle Holiday (3 rec), TE's Billy Palmer (1st, 4 rec), Jared Clark (1 start, 0 rec) and Jerome Collins (6 rec, #5DC STL). Not listed in the 2 deep are Chase Anastasio (6-1 207 So, PS#26DB), Chris Vaughn (6-4 221 So, 4.37 spd) who played in four games as a true frosh until injury and Rob Woods (6-2 207 Jr). This figures to be a surprisingly solid receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - I've commented over the years how precise the athletic dept at ND is as they keep track of the minutes played. For a position, such as O-line, that garners few stats, this is a key piece of information. Last year they only had to replace one starter, had 8 of the top 10 returning and were in their 3rd year of the West Coast offense. Surprisingly after averaging 4.0 ypc rushing in 2003, the numbers slipped to 3.3 ypc last year and the sacks allowed increased from 24 to 25. This year the Irish have one of the most experienced O-lines in the country. The only losses from 2004 are G's Jamie Ryan (10:24), Jeff Thompson (6:41), Zach Giles (5:58) and Darin Mitchell (3:44) and OT John Kadous. The entire 2 deep is almost entirely made up of VHT's and this unit should show dramatic improvement in 2005.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 ND had three DL starters returning and the unit had a solid year. DE Justin Tuck set a school record with 13.5 sacks and the Irish allowed 3.1 ypc rushing with 37 sacks. Last year the team had to replace two starters but did have three players back who started seven or more games. Against Tennessee, with just a 3 man line, they were still able to pressure the QB and also record 5 sacks. Overall the defense allowed just 2.7 ypc rushing although the sack total surprisingly dropped to 30. This year they must replace the school's all-time career leader in sacks in DE Justin Tuck (#3DC NYG, 12 st, 47 tkl, 6 sk) as well as DT Kyle Budinscak (12 st, 25 tkl, 5 sk) and NG Greg Pauly (12 st, 37 tkl, 6 tfl). Naturally, six of the top 8 DL's listed are VHT's but this unit is less experienced and surprisingly barely goes 3 deep in scholarship players.

LINEBACKERS - ND returned 5 of their top 6 LB's last year and got back Mike Goolsby (PS#4) who was a 13 game starter in 2002 but had missed 2003 with injury. This year they lose OLB Derek Curry (12 st, 65 tkl, 4.5 sk) and ILB Goolsby (12 st, #1 tkl'r, 7 tfl). Four of the top six are back with Hoyte's "official" starts a bit deceiving as ND opened in the nickel 8 times and he was the teams #2 tackler. This has the makings of a solid LB corps but is clearly less experienced than last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Irish finished #15 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and had to replace two starters who were drafted including a 1st Tm AA. In 2003 they slipped to #45. Last year they had to replace two more starters who were NFL DC's as well as two backups with the four combining for 29 starts. The secondary was clearly a weakness as the Irish were lit up for 281.3 ypg passing (58.2%) with a 23-9 ratio. They did face a top 10 slate of opposing QB's finishing #75 in my rankings. This year the losses are even heavier. Gone are CB's Dwight Ellick (12 st, 44 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu), Preston Jackson (12 st, 41 tkl, 6 pbu), FS Quentin Burrell (12 st, 72 tkl), CB Carlos Campbell (3 st, 25 tkl) and S Lionel Bolen (2 tkl). Not listed is Rich Whitney III (6-2 213 Jr) and LaBrose Hedgemon (5-9 190 rFr, PS#182). While this unit is not as experienced as 2004 it has talent with 6 of the top 8 being VHT's so they should rebound to a higher finish in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ty Willingham's special teams in his final four years at Stanford were just #100, #102, #82 and #112. He inherited a unit that finished #2 in 2000 and #15 in 2001. They slipped just a little to #23 in his debut season and had everyone back in 2003 but surprisingly slipped even more to finish #60. Last year they had to break in new returnmen but finished about the same at #59. K/P DJ Fitzpatrick, who hit 12 of 17 FG's with a long of 50 in 2003 connected on 11 of 15 with a long of 47 and one miss from 55 yards. Fitzpatrick's punting improved from a net of 33.0 to an outstanding 37.6. The Irish had three different players attempt KO's in Fitzpatrick, Carl Gioia (5-10 173 So, PS#47) and Bobby Renkes (PS#33) but they combined for just 4 TB's on 58 KO's. They struggled to find a KR despite a plethora of VHT's on the roster and Chase Anastasio (PS#26) took over the duties late (18.6). Carlyle Holiday was dangerous on PR's (10.8). This year the only loss from the unit is Holiday and with Weis coming from the Patriots who put an emphasis on special teams, I would expect significant improvement.

COACHES - Surprisingly ND fired Ty Willingham after just 3 years. While Urban Meyer may have been preferred initially, they got an outstanding hire in Patriots OC Charlie Weis (1978 ND graduate) who has three Super Bowl rings. His OC is Mike Haywood, a former Irish player and most recently RB coach, co-special teams and recruiting coordinator at Texas. The DC is Rick Minter who was the DC here in '92-'93 under Holtz. He held that position at S Car last year and was the HC of Cincy for 10. Since Weis does not have college head coaching experience, he hired former Ole Miss HC David Cutcliffe as the QB coach. Unfortunately Cutcliffe resigned in June for health reasons. The new QB coach is veteran NFL Europe HC Peter Vaas.

PHIL'S FORECAST

It was a surprising December as the Irish fired Ty Willingham who started off his ND career at 8-0 but was just 13-15 after that with 8 losses of 21+ points. Dan Devine had two losses by 21+ points and even Gerry Faust had just three. They beat two foes that were in the Top 10 last year (#8 Michigan & #9 Tennessee). ND has not finished in the Top 10 for 11 straight seasons and have not won a bowl in 12 years. After a 5-7 season in 2003, I called the Irish the 7th most improved team in the country and they became yet another squad that got to a bowl after a losing season and making that list. The Irish opened last year 5-2 and ended a 19 game drought outside the Top 25 moving up to #24 but BC got a 30 yard TD pass with :54 left to pull out the win. After a bye they beat a Top 10 team on the road for the first time since 1996 (Tenn) after the Vols had lost their starting QB in the 2Q. Tyler Palko became the first QB to get 5 TD passes against the Irish and Pitt got a FG on the last play to pull out a 41-38 win. Unfortunately the Irish were blown out by USC (which promptly led to Willingham's dismissal) and Oregon St in their final two games losing by a combined 48 points. This year all 11 starters return on offense and they are now in their 4th year away from the option. They should easily top last year's 24.1 ppg which was their best total in four years on offense. After allowing 79 points in their last two games, ND yielded 24.1 ppg on the season thanks to a leaky pass D. Even with just 3 starters returning on that side of the ball they should have a tough D. Charlie Weis inherits a team that finished 6-6 but was outgained by 23.9 ypg. He brings in a new attitude and more intensity than the business-like Willingham and that should be a positive. He also inherits a tough schedule, much like his predecessor, with road trips to Michigan, Purdue and improved teams like Pitt and Stanford with 4 of the first 5 on the road. They also host the defending National Champ and 3 other bowl squads. After a slow start it should be a fine finish for ND and they have a decent shot at getting that elusive bowl win.

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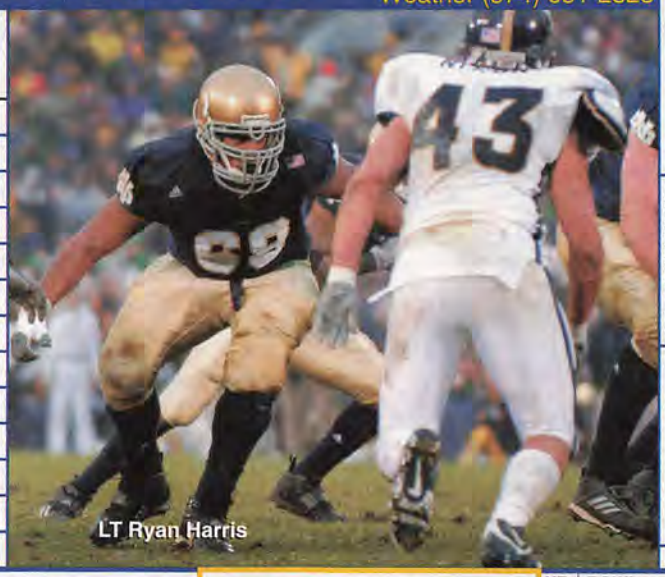
2005 Schedule Difficulty-#2

Date	Opponent	TURF	Final Score ND	Final Score Opp
Sep. 3	at Pittsburgh	G		
Sep. 10	at Michigan	A		
Sep. 17	Michigan St	G		
Sep. 24	at Washington	A		
Oct. 1	at Purdue	G		
Oct. 8				
Oct. 15	USC	G		
Oct. 22	BYU	G		
Oct. 29				
Nov. 5	Tennessee	G		
Nov. 12	Navy	G		
Nov. 19	Syracuse	G		
Nov. 26	at Stanford	G		


LT Ryan Harris

CHARLIE WEIS (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Notre Dame — Weis' SU Bowl Record: 0-0

2004 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 11*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (20,14,2)
Lost: 23 (12,10,1)

2004 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,795

	HC	OC	DC
2004	Tyrone Willingham	Bill Diedrick	Kent Baer
2003	Tyrone Willingham	Bill Diedrick	Kent Baer
2002	Tyrone Willingham	Bill Diedrick	Kent Baer
2001	Bob Davie	Kevin Rogers	Greg Mattison
2000	Bob Davie	Kevin Rogers	Greg Mattison
1999	Bob Davie	Kevin Rogers	Greg Mattison
1998	Bob Davie	Jim Colletto	Greg Mattison
1997	Bob Davie	Jim Colletto	Greg Mattison

LAST 7 YEARS RANKINGS

	Record	Final AP Ranking	Total OFF	Total DEF	Avg Score in All Play
2004	6-6	–	345.5	369.4	24.1-24.1
2003	5-7	–	336.3	340.0	31.8-20.4
2002	10-3	#17	313.5	300.3	22.3-16.7
2001	5-6	–	289.7	304.9	19.5-19.5
2000	9-2	#15	331.0	361.5	31.3-20.5
1999	5-7	–	419.7	383.7	29.0-27.6
1998	9-3	#22	380.5	354.6	27.3-19.4

TOP 5 CAREER RECORD LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
1. Ron Powlus 7,602	1. Autry Denson 4,318	1. Derrick Mayes 2,512
2. Steve Beuerlein 6,527	2. Allen Pinkett 4,131	2. Tim Brown 2,493
3. Rick Mirer 5,997	3. Vagas Ferguson 3,472	3. Tom Gatewood 2,283
4. Jarious Jackson 4,820	4. Julius Jones 3,018	4. Jim Seymour 2,113
5. Joe Theismann 4,411	5. Jerome Heavens 2,682	5. Tony Hunter 1,897

LAST 10 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	OPPONENT	SCORE
91	Sugar	Florida	39-28
92	Cotton	Texas A&M	28-3
93	Cotton	Texas A&M	24-21
94	Fiesta	Colorado	24-41
95	Orange	Florida St	26-31
97	Independence	LSU	9-27
98	Gator	Georgia Tech	28-35
00	Fiesta	Oregon St	9-41
02	Gator	NC State	6-28
04	Insight	Oregon St	21-38

Notre Dame's All-Time SU Bowl Record 13-13

AP/Cch/UPI Nat'l Champs
1988
1977 1946
1973 1943
1966 1930
1949 1929
1947 1924

STADIUM: NOTRE DAME STADIUM (80,795)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	10 Yr Total
Record	9-2	8-3	7-5	9-2	5-7	9-2	5-6	10-2	5-7	6-5	73-41
Home	5-1	4-2	4-2	6-0	5-2	5-1	4-2	5-1	3-3	3-3	44-17
Away	4-1	4-1	3-3	3-2	0-5	4-1	1-4	5-1	2-4	3-2	29-24

NOTRE DAME'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 10 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	24.1	18	127	3.3	218	53.9	14.3	+5	2004	6	24.1	19	88	2.7	281	58.2	15.3
5*	20.3	17	157	4.0	179	47.4	16.6	+2	2003	8	26.3	17	127	3.1	213	57.6	13.0
6*	22.3	15	139	3.4	174	50.4	14.1	+5	2002	7	16.7	17	96	2.8	205	49.2	18.0
7*	19.5	17	188	3.9	102	50.0	14.9	+3	2001	6	19.5	16	132	3.5	173	50.0	15.6
7	29.4	17	198	4.1	133	65.7	11.3	+12	2000	4	22.3	19	148	3.7	216	51.6	16.4
4*	29.0	20	182	4.2	238	57.8	14.5	-4	1999	6	27.6	21	142	4.0	242	58.0	13.9
7	27.3	20	212	4.6	168	52.9	13.9	+7	1998	7	20.7	21	146	3.6	208	59.0	17.2
7*	21.7	20	171	4.1	180	59.4	16.2	+4	1997	6	20.4	20	191	4.5	171	56.9	17.8
7*	35.4	23	270	5.2	194	58.0	12.5	-3	1996	7	16.5	16	119	3.1	150	44.9	16.4
9*	32.7	22	236	4.7	185	57.7	12.9	+10	1995	5	20.6	20	191	4.5	181	55.1	18.1

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darius Walker	185	821	35	786	7	4.2
Ryan Grant	127	536	21	515	5	4.1
Marcus Wilson	35	145	7	138	1	3.9
Jeff Jenkins	9	45	2	43	0	4.8
Brady Quinn	54	155	159	-4	3	-0.3
Rashon Powers-Neal	13	28	0	28	1	2.2
Travis Thomas	25	45	20	25	0	1.0
Justin Hoskins	4	16	0	16	0	4.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brady Quinn	353	191	54.1	2586	17	10

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Rhema McKnight	42	610	14.5	3	54
Matt Shelton	20	515	25.8	6	53
Anthony Fasano	27	367	13.6	4	42
Maurice Stovall	21	313	14.9	1	49
Jeff Samardzija	17	274	16.1	0	41
Darius Walker	10	74	7.4	0	22
Rashon Powers-Neal	10	72	7.2	2	19
Jerome Collins	6	67	11.2	0	21
Ryan Grant	6	51	8.5	0	16
Marcus Freeman	5	50	10.0	0	6

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
DJ Fitzpatrick	76	3175	41.8	8	37.6	1	29

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
DJ Fitzpatrick	34-35	5-5	2-4	4-5	0-1	11-15	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mike Goolsby	97	3	5	3	2
Brandon Hoyte	74	3	5	1	0
Quentin Burrell	72	0	1	3	0
Tom Zbikowski	70	0	3	1	1
Derek Curry	65	4.5	4	3	2
Justin Tuck	47	6	8	0	0
Dwight Ellick	44	0	1	7	2
Preston Jackson	41	0	0	6	1
Derek Landri	40	0.5	7	4	0
Greg Pauly	37	1	5	1	0
Mike Richardson	33	0	0	3	1
Carlos Campbell	25	0	2	0	0
Kyle Budinscak	25	5	2	3	0
Trevor Laws	17	1	1	2	0
Victor Abiamiri	15	2	4	0	0
Corey Mays	15	2	0	0	0
Chinedum Ndukwe	7	0	0	1	0
Chris Frome	7	0	0	1	0
Nick Borseti	7	0	0	0	0
John Carlson	5	0	0	0	0
Carlyle Holiday	29	314	10.8	0	

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chinedum Ndukwe	19	353	18.6	0
Justin Hoskins	9	174	19.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chase Anastasio	19	353	18.6	0
Justin Hoskins	9	174	19.3	0

2004 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at BYU	15	21-11	0.5	26-47	265	3	13	35-22	0.6	22-33	263	5	+1
Michigan	13	40-135	3.4	10-21	178	0	15	30-56	1.9	25-40	240	2	-1
at Michigan St	19	48-173	3.6	11-24	215	2	18	35-165	4.7	15-34	176	1	+3
Washington	22	46-146	3.2	17-32	266	0	20	34-112	3.3	17-44	223	0	+4
Purdue	28	36-76	2.1	29-49	460	7	22	28-99	3.5	22-32	413	2	-1
Stanford	19	51-149	2.9	11-24	173	3	16	25-67	2.7	17-38	267	1	-1
† Navy	20	44-204	4.6	11-20	130	0	17	61-216	3.5	3-6	44	5	+1
Boston College	17	34-104	3.1	20-33	231	1	22	28-62	2.2	27-41	383	2	0
at Tennessee	13	36-98	2.7	12-23	118	3	17	39-58	1.5	21-36	269	5	+1
Pittsburgh	18	34-179	5.3	15-26	259	1	23	38-98	2.6	26-42	334	3	-1
at USC	16	37-195	5.3	15-30	105	3	23	28-83	3.0	25-35	405	1	0
† Oregon St	17	33-59	1.8	18-33	217	2	19	18-20	1.1	28-45	358	3	-1
TOTALS	217	460-1529	3.3	195-362	2617	25	225	399-1058	2.7	248-426	3375	30	+5
AVERAGES	18.1	38-127	3.3	16-30	218	2.1	18.8	33-88	2.7	21-36	281	2.5	0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Kansas	48-13 W
at Michigan	22-26 L
at Purdue	23-28 L
Michigan St	13-23 L
Oklahoma	34-30 W
Arizona St	48-17 W
USC	25-24 W
Navy	28-24 W
at Tennessee	14-38 L
at Pittsburgh	27-37 L
Boston College	29-31 L
at Stanford	37-40 L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Texas A&M	24-10 W
Nebraska	OT 24-27 L
Purdue	23-21 W
at Michigan St	21-27 L
Stanford	20-14 W
† Navy	45-14 W
at W Virginia	42-28 W
Air Force	OT 34-31 W
Boston College	28-16 W
at Rutgers	45-17 W
at USC	38-21 W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at Nebraska	10-27 L
Michigan St	10-17 L
at Texas A&M	3-24 L
Pittsburgh	24-7 W
W Virginia	34-24 W
USC	27-16 W
at Boston College	17-21 L
Tennessee	18-28 L
Navy	34-16 W
at Stanford	13-17 L
at Purdue	24-18 W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
† Maryland	22-0 W
Purdue	24-17 W
Michigan	25-23 W
at Michigan St	21-17 W
Stanford	31-7 W
Pittsburgh	14-6 W
at Air Force	21-14 W
at Florida St	34-24 W
Boston College	7-14 L
† Navy	30-23 W
Rutgers	42-0 W
at USC	13-44 L

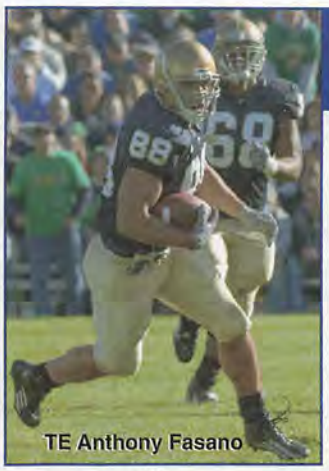
2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Wash St	OT 29-26 W
at Michigan	0-38 L
Michigan St	16-22 L
at Purdue	10-23 L
at Pittsburgh	20-14 W
USC	14-45 L
at Boston College	25-27 L
Florida St	0-37 L
Navy	27-24 W
BYU	33-14 W
at Stanford	57-7 W
at Syracuse	12-38 L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
at BYU	17-20 L
Michigan	28-20 W
at Michigan St	31-24 W
Washington	38-3 W
Purdue	16-41 L
Stanford	23-15 W
† Navy	27-9 W
Boston College	23-24 L
at Tennessee	17-13 W
Pittsburgh	38-41 L
at USC	10-41 L

NOTRE DAME 2005 DEPTH CHART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OFFENSE

K
#19 DJ FITZPATRICK SR.
6-1 204 **PS#76**
11-15 FG's with a L/47, 34-35 XP's, awarded scholarship LY. 12-17 with a long 50, 17-18 XP's in '03.
#96 BOBBY RENKES SO.
6-0 195 **PS#33**
KO's in the last 6 games of '04. Recruited walk-on.

WR
#21 MAURICE STOVALL SR.
6-5 233 **PS#4**
Indoor track team. 8 sts, 9 gms (inj), 131:18 min, 21 rec (14.9) LY. 12 gms, 3 sts, 22 rec (19.1) in '03. 13 gms, 1 st, 146:50 min, 18 rec (17.3) as true.
#82 MATT SHELTON SR.
6-0 160 **PS#53**
Indoor track team. 12 gms, 3 sts 159:51 min, 20 rec, ND record 25.8 ypc, 6 TD's LY. 11 gms, 3 rec (26.7), 11 KR (15.8) in '03. 9 gms, 10:47 min, 1 rec as rFr.

WR
#5 RHEMA MCKNIGHT SR.
6-1 211 **PS#9**
12 gms, 9 sts, 218:46 min, 42 rec (14.5) LY. 12 gms, 8 sts, #1 rec with 47 rec (12.8) in '03. 12 gms, 75:49 min, 9 rec (10.1) as true.
#83 JEFF SAMARDZIJA JR.
6-5 216 **PS#22**
Pitcher on baseball team. 12 gms, 1 st, 175:37 min, 17 rec (16.1) LY. 12 gms, 7 rec (7.6) as true.

TB
#3 DARIUS WALKER SO.
5-10 202 **PS#13**
School frosh record 786 rush yds (4.2), 11 gms, 2 sts, 10 rec as true. Broke Herschel Walker's GA HS record with 46 TD's as Sr.
#26 TRAVIS THOMAS SO.
6-0 208 **PS#22**
10 gms, 25 rush yds, 3 rec (10.0) 20:39 mins as rFr.

QB
#10 BRADY QUINN JR.
6-4 228 **PS#12**
12 sts, 2586 pass yds (54.1%), 17-10 ratio, 155 rush yds LY. 12 gms, L/9 sts, 1831 yds (47.3%), 9-15 ratio, 150 rush yds as true.
#14 DAVID WOLKE rFR.
6-2 195 **PS#44**
3 snaps, 2:00 vs Washington but still RS'd in '04.

FB
#16 RASHON POWERS-NEAL SR.
6-2 240 **PS#36DB**
TB/FB in spring '05. 12 gms, 4 sts, 119:37 min, 28 rush yds, 10 rec (7.2) LY. 12 gms, 8 sts at FB, 65 ttl yds in '03. 10 gms at TB, 333 yds (4.3) as rFr.
#25 NATE SCHICCATANO JR.
6-2 236 **PS#25**
Tried at LB in spring '05. 2 gms, 4:26 min at FB LY. 6 gms on sp tms as rFr.

TE
#88 ANTHONY FASANO JR.
6-4 260 **PS#8**
11 gms, 9 sts, 136:49 min, 27 rec (13.6) LY. 11 gms, 3 sts, 18 rec (9.4) as rFr.
#87 MARCUS FREEMAN JR.
6-2 250 **PS#21**
8 gms, 6 sts, 75:18 min, 5 rec (10.0) LY. 11 gms as backup as rFr.

RT
#73 MARK LeVOIR SR.
6-7 325 **PS#4**
12 sts at RT, 365:30 min LY. 12 sts at LG, #1 on team with 311:40 min in '03. 4 gms, 10:05 min as rFr.
#79 BRIAN MATTES JR.
6-6 284 **PS#27**
Lettered in 8 gms, 8:01 min LY. 2nd string OT as rFr.

RG
#74 DAN STEVENSON SR.
6-6 297 **PS#19**
12 sts at RG, 348:05 min LY. 10 sts (6 at RG, 4 at RT) in '03. 11 gms, 1 st at RT, 82:23 min, 2nd string as rFr.
#71 JAMES BONELLI JR.
6-4 290 **PS#17**
Suspended in spring but reinstated in June for '05.

C
#78 JOHN SULLIVAN SO.
6-4 294 **PS#3**
12 sts at C, 367:24 mins LY. Reps with #1 offense in practice despite redshirt as true.
#62 SCOTT RARIDON JR.
6-6 315 **PS#20TE**
2nd string, 11 gms, 8:01 min, 50 snaps on FG's & XP's LY. 50 snaps on sp tms as rFr. 2 letters.

LG
#76 BOB MORTON JR.
6-4 294 **PS#14**
11 sts at LG, DNP bowl due to inj, 310:11 mins LY. 11 sts at C as rFr.
#50 DAN SANTUCCI JR.
6-4 293 **PS#104DL**
2nd string, lettered in 11 gms, 1 st at LG, 80:51 min LY. Backup DL as rFr.

LT
#68 RYAN HARRIS JR.
6-5 279 **PS#18**
12 sts at LT, 362:45 min, Top OL Award LY. Only 3rd true frosh OL in ND history to start with L/8 at RT, 215:05 min
#70 CHAUNCEY INCARNATO rFR.
6-5 275 **PS#56**
OL/DL, wrestler & track in HS.

DEFENSE

DE
#75 CHRIS FROME JR.
6-5 266 **PS#23OL**
7 gms, 27:05 min, 7 tkls, 1 pbu LY. 5 gms, 1 tkl while battling inj's as rFr.
#97 TRAVIS LEITKO JR.
6-6 268 **PS#16**
11 gms mostly sp tms, 50:47 min, 5 tkls LY. 10 gms, 12 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr.

DT
#66 DEREK LANDRI JR.
6-3 274 **PS#5OL**
No spring '05 due to inj. 12 sts, 241:01 min, 40 tkls, 7 tfl, 4 pbu LY. 10 gms, 1 st, 13 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr. Broken leg prior to enrolling.
#NA DERRELL HAND FR.
6-3 300 **PS#106**
DL/TE. Avg'd 16 ppg & 10 rpg on basketball tm as HS Sr.

DT
#98 TREVOR LAWS SO.
6-1 290 **PS#13**
24 reps of 225 bench. 12 gms, 121:39 min, 17 tkls, 2 tfl LY. 1 of US's top HS wrestlers.
#90 BRIAN BEIDATSCH SR.
6-3 294 **PS#183**
8 gms, 32:12 min, 3 tkls LY. 9 gms, 5 tkls, 0.5 sk in '03. 13 gms, 32:18 min, 2 tkls as rFr.

DE
#95 VICTOR ABIAMIRI JR.
6-4 262 **PS#1**
12 gms, 1 st (bowl), 193:37 mins, 15 tkls, 6 tfl LY. 12 gms, 7 sts, 189:46 mins, 22 tkls, 4 tfl as true.
#93 BRANDON NICOLAS rFR.
6-3 263 **PS#41**
4.86 speed, 355 bench, 480 squat. 60 tkls as Sr in HS.

CB
#30 MIKE RICHARDSON JR.
5-11 188 **PS#128QB**
12 gms, 5 sts, 133:21 min, 33 tkls, 3 pbu, 1 int LY. 12 gms, #1 on tm with 243 sp tms appearances, 16 tkls as rFr.
#8 JUNIOR JABBIE rFR.
5-10 188 **PS#223**
4.4 speed. Missed part of spring '05 due to inj.

OLB
#52 JOE BROCKINGTON SO.
6-1 219 **PS#36**
4.56 speed. 11 gms mostly sp tms, 3:30 min, 3 tkls as rFr.
#47 MITCHELL THOMAS SO.
6-3 221 **PS#37**
4.5 speed. 11 gms mostly sp tms, 22:24 min, 2 tkls, 1 tfl LY.

MLB
#46 COREY MAYS SR.
6-1 242 **PS#22DL**
11 gms mostly sp tms & top bkup LB, 46:18 min, 15 tkls, 2 sks LY. 12 gms, 1 st, 26 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 blk'd kicks in '03. 10 gms on sp tms, 4 tkls as rFr.
#56 NICK BORSETI SO.
6-4 230 **PS#66**
Sat out spring '05 rehabbing inj. 11 gms mostly sp tms, 2:50 min, 7 tkls as rFr.

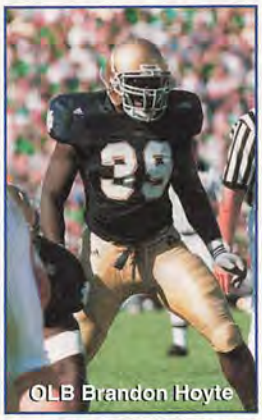
OLB
#39 BRANDON HOYTE SR.
5-11 232 **PS#29**
12 gms, 4 sts, 199:15 mins, 74 tkls, 8 tfl LY. 12 gms, 10 sts at MLB, 74 tkls, 8 tfl in '03. 12 gms, 3 sts, 100:54 min, 57 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr.
#40 MAURICE CRUM Jr rFR.
6-0 221 **PS#80**
4.6 speed. 32" VL. Dad was All American at Miami (FL).

CB
#22 AMBROSE WOODEN SO.
5-11 192 **PS#8**
4.26 speed! Track 60m Big East finalist. 9 gms, 6:52 min, 5 tkls LY. Practiced at WR as true.
#20 TERRAIL LAMBERT rFR.
5-11 191 **PS#15DB**
1 of tm's fastest with 4.43 spd. 34" VL.

FS
#9 TOM ZBIKOWSKI SO.
5-11 202 **PS#9QB**
Sprinter on track tm. 4.3 speed. 12 sts at SS, 330:35 min, 70 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int as rFr. Nationally ranked boxer.
#31 JAKE CARNEY JR.
6-0 189 **PS#47**
5 gms, 10:54 min, 3 tkls LY.

P
#19 DJ FITZPATRICK SR.
6-1 204 **PS#76**
Former walk-on. 76 punts with 41.8 avg, 37.6 net, 29 inside 20 LY. Starter due to inj, 44 punts, 36.8 avg, 33.0 net in '03.
#17 GEOFF PRICE SO.
6-3 195 **PS#30**
2 punts, 44.5 avg in 1 game in '04. 45.6 avg as HS Jr.

SS
#2 FREDDIE PARISH IV JR.
6-0 197 **PS#14**
12 gms, 26:27 min, 18 tkls LY. 10 gms, 6 tkls as true.
#4 ANTHONY VERNAGLIA rFR.
6-3 222 **PS#2TE**
Redshirted due to knee inj. 4.5 speed. 36" verticle.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NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Offensive Coor/RB: Michael Haywood, 1st year
Former Irish letterwinner Haywood spent last 2 seasons as the RB coach at Texas where he worked with NFL #1DC Cedric Benson. Previously he had been LSU's RB coach from '95-02 and Ball St's RB/WR coach in '93-94.

Quarterbacks: Peter Vaas, 1st year
The former Irish assistant ('90-91) was hired in June '05 after David Cutcliffe resigned due to health reasons. Vaas has spent the L8Y coaching in NFL Europe including stints as the HC of the 2 time World Bowl champs Berlin Thunder ('00-03) and the Cologne Centurions ('04-05). Vaas has also been the OC for Montreal in the CFL in '96 and the HC at Holy Cross ('92-95).

WR coach/Recruiting Coor: Rob Ianello, 1st year
TE coach at Wisconsin the past 2 years after serving 9 seasons on the staff at Arizona as the WR coach/recruiting coordinator.

TE coach/Sp Teams Coor: Bernie Parmalee, 1st year
A 7 year NFL veteran, Parmalee spent the L3Y on Dave Wannstedt's Miami Dolphins staff as the TE coach in '04 and a special teams assistant in '02-03. Parmalee, who is still Ball St's all time leading rusher, played under coaching legends Don Shula and Jimmy Johnson at MIami.

Offensive Line: John Latina, 1st year
Twenty-six year coaching veteran who was the OL coach & OC at Ole Miss the L5Y. Latina was also the OL coach at Clemson from '94-98 and at Kansas St ('89-93) as a member of Bill Snyder's original staff.

DEFENSE

Defensive coor/LB: Rick Minter, 1st year
A Lou Holtz disciple, Minter returns to South Bend where he previously served as the DC in '92-93. The Irish had a combined 21-2-1 record in those 2 years finishing in the AP's final Top 5 in both seasons. Minter parlayed that success into becoming Cincinnati's all-time winningest HC with a 53-63 record in his 10 year career ('94-03). Last year he was reunited with Holtz serving as South Carolina's DC.

Defensive Line: Jappy Oliver, 1st year
Another former S Carolina assistant, Oliver was the DL coach there the L2Y. Prior to that job Oliver was the DL coach at Air Force from '95-02. He also worked with ex-Irish DC Gerry DiNardo as Vanderbilt's DL coach from '91-94.

DB coach/Assistant HC: Bill Lewis, 1st year
This former college HC at Wyoming ('77-79), East Carolina ('89-91) and Georgia Tech ('92-94) returns to his college roots after spending 9 years as the nickel defense assistant with the Miami Dolphins. Lewis has a 46-51-2 career record as a HC including his Jeff Blake-led '91 East Carolina team which finished 11-1 earning him the AFCA National Coach of the Year honors.

DB assistant/special teams: Brian Polian, 1st year
The son of Indianapolis Colts president Bill, Polian spent the 2004 season as the RB coach/recruiting coordinator at Central Florida. Previously he spent 3 years at the University of Buffalo ('01-03) as the RB coach/special teams coordinator.

Strength coach: Ruben Mendoza, 1st year
After 4 years as the strength & conditioning coach of Ole Miss, Mendoza followed OL coach Latina and former OC Cutcliffe to South Bend. Previously he spent '97-00 as the assistant director of strength, speed and conditioning at Clemson.

GAME BY GAME TEAM STATS

VERSUS	BYU	MICH	MICH ST	WASH	PUR	STAN	NAVY	BC	TEN	PITT	USC	OREG ST	TOTALS
SCORE	17	28	31	38	16	23	27	23	17	38	10	21	289
FD's	15	13	19	22	28	19	20	17	13	18	16	17	217
TOTAL YARDS	276	313	388	412	536	322	334	335	216	438	300	276	4146
RUSH YARDS	21-11	40-135	48-173	46-146	36-76	51-149	44-204	34-104	36-98	34-179	37-195	33-59	460-1529
PASS YARDS	265	178	215	266	460	173	130	231	118	259	105	217	2617
COM-ATT	26-47	10-21	11-24	17-32	29-49	11-24	11-20	20-33	12-23	15-26	15-30	18-33	195-362
INT	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	10
SACKS VS/Yds	3-22	0-0	2-2	0-0	7-31	3-21	0-0	1-9	3-21	1-6	3-13	2-13	25-138
FUMBLES/Lost	2-1	2-1	2-2	1-0	2-1	3-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	15-6
OPPONENTS STATS													
SCORE	20	20	24	3	41	15	9	24	13	41	41	38	289
FD's	13	15	18	20	22	16	17	22	17	23	23	19	225
TOTAL YARDS	285	296	341	335	512	334	260	445	327	432	488	378	4433
RUSH YARDS	35-22	30-56	35-165	34-112	28-99	25-67	61-216	28-62	39-58	38-98	28-83	18-20	399-1058
PASS YARDS	263	240	176	223	413	267	44	383	269	334	405	358	3375
COM-ATT	22-33	25-40	15-34	17-44	22-32	17-38	3-6	27-41	21-36	26-42	25-35	28-45	248-426
INT	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	9
SACKS BY/Yds	5-31	2-18	1-2	0-0	2-17	1-9	5-21	2-7	5-44	3-15	1-3	3-23	30-190
FUMBLES/Lost	3-1	2-2	5-3	5-4	0-0	4-0	2-1	0-0	3-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	27-12

INDIVIDUAL GAME PERFORMANCES

RUSHING	BYU	MICH	MICH ST	WASH	PUR	STAN	NAVY	BC	TEN	PITT	USC	OREG ST
Darius Walker	–	31-115-2	26-98-0	23-81-1	19-60-0	20-82-0	9-26-0	8-35-1	9-70-0	16-112-2	11-64-0	13-43-1
Ryan Grant	–	4-9-0	11-66-1	–	–	19-67-2	20-114-2	17-48-0	12-50-0	15-48-0	15-94-0	14-19-0
Marcus Wilson	9-22-0	3-4-0	–	5-20-0	1-2-0	1-8-0	6-40-1	5-19-0	2-12-0	1-6-0	1-5-0	1-0-0
Jeff Jenkins	–	–	–	5-17-0	2-20-0	–	2-6-0	–	–	–	–	–
Brady Quinn	5-(-13)-0	2-7-0	4-1-1	–	12-(-7)-0	7-(-12)-1	–	3-(-3)1	7-(-30)-0	2-13-0	8-30-0	4-10-0
PASSING												
Brady Quinn	26-47-0	10-20-3	11-24-1	17-32-1	26-46-0	11-24-0	11-20-0	20-33-2	12-23-0	15-26-2	15-29-0	17-29-1
(Com-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	265-1	178-2	215-1	266-4	432-1	173-0	130-0	231-1	118-1	259-3	105-1	214-2
RECEIVING												
Rhema McKnight	8-92-1	3-42-0	–	3-68-0	7-113-1	3-51-0	2-22-0	5-78-0	4-35-0	2-10-0	1-9-0	4-90-1
Matt Shelton	–	1-46-1	3-123-1	4-74-2	3-61-0	–	2-40-0	1-33-1	–	3-128-1	2-13-0	1-(-3)-0
Anthony Fasano	4-60-0	–	–	3-41-2	8-155-0	–	1-18-0	3-12-0	2-16-1	3-27-0	2-25-0	1-13-1
Maurice Stovall	3-23-0	5-82-0	2-17-0	–	–	3-59-0	1-14-0	2-37-0	2-41-0	2-23-1	1-17-0	–
Jef Samardzija	–	–	4-65-0	3-48-0	3-59-0	1-8-0	1-5-0	–	–	–	–	5-89-0
Darius Walker	–	–	1-3-0	–	2-16-0	–	–	–	–	2-27-0	3-10-0	1-13-0
Rashon Powers-Neal	4-24-0	1-8-1	–	–	1-6-0	1-10-0	–	–	1-3-0	1-19-1	–	1-2-0

NOTRE DAME'S 2005 ROSTER

#	Name	Year	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown
95	Victor Abiamiri	JR	DE	6-4	265	Randallstown, MD
23	Chase Anastasio	SO	WR	6-1	207	Burke, VA
40	Matt Augustyn	SO	FB	6-3	220	Chevy Chase, MD
58	Abdel Banda	rFR	LB	6-1	208	Morristown, NJ
90	Brian Beidatsch	SR	DL	6-3	294	Milwaukee, WI
59	James Bent	JR	OL	6-1	260	Mishawaka, IN
53	Joseph Boland	JR	LB	6-2	242	Drexel Hill, PA
71	James Bonelli	JR	OL	6-4	290	Camarillo, CA
56	Nick Borseti	SO	LB	6-4	230	Saugus, MA
7	Darrin Bragg	rFR	QB	6-1	190	San Jose, CA
52	Joe Brockington	SO	LB	6-1	219	Palmyra, PA
94	Justin Brown	rFR	DE/LB	6-3	243	Clinton, MD
91	Craig Cardillo	JR	K	6-0	174	Hauppauge, NY
89	John Carlson	SO	TE	6-6	244	Litchfield, MN
31	Jake Carney	JR	FS	6-0	189	Lexington, KY
31	AJ Cedeno	SO	DB	5-11	189	Pittsburg, KS
59	Dan Chervanick	JR	DT	6-1	258	Leesport, PA
40	Maurice Crum Jr	rFR	LB	6-0	221	Riverview, FL
60	Casey Cullen	SO	LB	6-1	227	Victoria, TX
88	Anthony Fasano	JR	TE	6-4	260	Verona, NJ
15	Leo Ferrine	rFR	DB	6-0	181	Springfield, NJ
54	David Fitzgerald	JR	OL	6-4	294	Godfrey, IL
19	DJ Fitzpatrick	SR	K/P	6-1	204	Granger, IN
87	Marcus Freeman	JR	TE	6-2	250	St Paul, MN
75	Chris Frome	JR	DE	6-5	266	Saugus, CA
45	Carl Gioia	SO	K	5-10	173	Valparaiso, IN
86	Tim Gritzman	rFR	TE	6-3	250	Lockport, IL
36	Brandon Harris	JR	WR	6-0	197	New Orleans, LA
68	Ryan Harris	JR	OL	6-5	279	St Paul, MN
53	Dan Hickey	JR	SN	6-3	224	Garden City, NY
33	Justin Hoskins	SO	RB	5-10	188	Grand Rapids, MI
39	Brandon Hoyte	SR	LB	5-11	232	Parlin, NJ
26	Wade Iams	rFR	DB	5-9	188	Mishawaka, IN
70	Chauncey Incarnato	rFR	OL	6-5	275	Dover, OH
8	Junior Jabbie	rFR	CB	5-10	188	Parlin, NJ
61	JJ Jansen	rFR	SN	6-3	241	Phoenix, AZ
32	Jeff Jenkins	JR	RB	6-0	231	Ann Arbor, MI
67	John Kadous	rFR	OL	6-6	272	Tucson, AZ
20	Terrail Lambert	rFR	CB	5-11	191	Oxnard, CA
66	Derek Landri	JR	NT	6-3	274	Concord, CA
98	Trevor Laws	SO	DL	6-1	290	Burnsville, MN
97	Travis Leitko	JR	DE	6-6	268	The Woodlands, TX
73	Mark LeVoir	SR	OT	6-7	325	Eden Prairie, MN
79	Brian Mattes	JR	OL	6-6	284	Larksville, PA
46	Corey Mays	SR	LB	6-1	242	Chicago, IL
35	Ashley McConnell	SO	FB	5-11	252	Adairsville, GA
5	Rhema McKnight	SR	WR	6-1	211	La Palma, CA
37	Matt Mitchell	JR	CB	5-8	194	Memphis, TN
8	Marty Mooney	JR	QB	6-2	202	Cincinnati, OH
76	Bob Morton	JR	OG	6-4	294	McKinney, TX
18	Chinedum Ndukwe	JR	S	6-2	225	Powell, OH
93	Brandon Nicolas	rFR	DE	6-3	263	Santa Ana, CA
84	Michael O'Hara	JR	WR	5-10	180	Bellevue, WA
2	Freddie Parish IV	JR	S	6-0	197	Redondo Beach, CA
16	Rashon Powers-Neal	SR	FB	6-2	240	St Paul, MN
17	Geoffrey Price	SO	P	6-3	195	Hurst, TX
10	Brady Quinn	JR	QB	6-4	228	Dublin, OH
62	Scott Raridon	JR	OT	6-6	315	Mason City, IA
96	Bobby Renkes	SO	K	6-0	195	Dallas, TX
32	Alvin Reynolds	SO	DB	5-10	186	Charlotte, NC
30	Mike Richardson	JR	CB	5-11	188	Warner Robins, GA
43	Anthony Salvador	JR	LB	6-2	224	Concord, CA
83	Jeff Samardzija	JR	WR	6-5	216	Valparaiso, IN
50	Dan Santucci	JR	OG	6-4	293	Chicago, IL
25	Nate Schiccatano	JR	FB	6-2	236	Coal Township, PA
82	Matt Shelton	SR	WR	6-0	160	Collierville, TN
57	Jr Stephenson	rFR	DE	6-2	250	Delray Beach, FL
74	Dan Stevenson	SR	OG	6-6	297	Barrington, IL
21	Maurice Stovall	SR	WR	6-5	233	Philadelphia, PA
78	John Sullivan	SO	C	6-4	294	Old Greenwich, CT
99	Ronald Talley	rFR	DE	6-4	255	Oak Park, MI
47	Mitchell Thomas	SO	LB	6-3	221	Opelika, AL
26	Travis Thomas	SO	RB	6-0	208	Washington, PA
80	Chris Vaughn	SO	WR	6-4	221	New Haven, CT
4	Anthony Vernaglia	rFR	S	6-3	222	Anaheim Hills, CA
3	Darius Walker	SO	RB	5-10	202	Lawrenceville, GA
45	Rich Whitney III	JR	DB	6-2	213	Warminster, PA
14	David Wolke	rFR	QB	6-2	195	Mount Juliet, TN
22	Ambrose Wooden	SO	CB	5-11	192	Baltimore, MD
81	Rob Woods	JR	WR	6-2	207	Atlantic, IA
9	Tom Zbikowski	SO	S	5-11	202	Arlington Hts, IL

NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH THE LAST 3 YEARS

2004 SEASON

RECORD: 6-6

BYU 20 Notre Dame 17 - BYU went 75 yds for a TD and hit a 44 yd FG. After a 14 yd PR BYU started at the 41 and Payne nailed a 53 yd FG with 1:34 left 1H. ND went 76 yds and hit a 21 yd FG, 13-3 at the half. The Irish were SOD on 4th & 2 at the BYU 28. Berry hit a 42 yd TD pass. ND got a 54 yd pass to McKnight, 20-10. Berry was picked off and ret'd 38 yds for a TD, 20-17 with 8:19 left. ND punted on their last 2 poss and BYU ran out the clock.

NOTRE DAME 28 Michigan 20 - ND was int'd at their own 37 and the Wolves nailed a 38 yd FG. UM went on a 41 yd drive for a 33 yd FG. ND went 69 yds but were SOD on 4th & goal at the 1. ND's Quinn was int'd at the UM 20. UM went 75 yds for a 22 yd FG on the 1H's last play, 9-0. ND went 61 yds including a 46 yd TD pass to Shelton. Quinn fired a pass that bounced off the receiver's chest and was int'd at ND 44 which set up a Wolves 47 yd FG, 12-7. UM was int'd & ret'd to the 29 which set up ND with a TD and the 14-12 lead w/13:48 left. ND blk'd a punt and rec'd at the 6. They got a TD run by true frosh Walker (115 yds in debut) on the next play. ND went on a 42 yd drive but fmbl'd at the UM 31. UM fmbl'd it back on the next play and ND went 40 yds for a TD with 5:49 left to make it 28-12. UM went 80 yds and got a 25 yd TD pass w/2:27 left, 28-20 (2 pt good). ND recovered the onside kick and ran out all but :18.

Notre Dame 31 MICHIGAN ST 24 - MSU blk'd a punt & rec'd it for a TD. MSU's Reaves was int'd & ret'd 23 yds by Zbikowski. Quinn's run on 4th & 1 tied it. MSU got to the Irish 30 but Zbikowski took the ball out of RB Teague's arms and ret'd it 75 yds for a TD, 14-7. ND was int'd in the EZ. ND got a 35 yd TD pass. ND fmbl'd at the MSU 29. MSU was int'd with 2:22 left 1H but ND missed a 37 yd FG. With Stanton at QB, MSU missed a 43 yd FG. ND went on a 75 yd TD drive. MSU's Cobb ret'd the KO 89 yds for a TD, 28-14. MSU nailed a 47 yd FG. MSU later went 85 yds but fmbl'd into the EZ. ND then fmbl'd at the MSU 28. MSU fmbl'd it back at their own 46. The Irish went 40 yds and nailed a 23 yd FG with :57 left. MSU then went 64 yds for a garbage TD with :09 left.

NOTRE DAME 38 Washington 3 - ND went 44 & 79 yds for TD's. UW fmbl'd and ND got an 18 yd TD pass on the next play, 21-0. UW went on a 58 yd drive & hit a 26 yd FG. ND answered with a 65 yd TD drive. ND went 35 yds and nailed a 45 yd FG. The Irish seemed to relax and just had 6 FD's in the 2H. UW went on an 11 play drive and lined up for a 29 yd FG but faked it and were stuffed. The Irish then went 72 yds for a TD.

Purdue 41 NOTRE DAME 16 - Big plays went the Boilermaker's way as at the half, the FD's were even (12), yds almost even at 228-206 but PU led 20-3. Kyle Orton improved his TD/int ratio to 17-0. The teams traded FG's. The first big play of the game for PU happened when they ret'd the KO 102 yds for a TD. PU after a blk'd FG went 48 yds in 7 plays and kicked a 39 yd FG,13-3 and led 20-3 at the half. PU was pinned at their 3. On 3rd & 10, Orton went deep and hit Stubblefield for a 97 yd TD pass, the longest TD ever allowed by ND. ND went 63 yds for a TD, 26-10. PU got a 56 yd pass to Bryant then on 3rd & 9 the pass was bobbled and caught OOB but they gave him a TD, 34-10. The Irish went 76 yds for a TD, 34-16 (2 pt ng). PU answered with a 75 yd TD drive.

NOTRE DAME 23 Stanford 15 - Willingham improved to 3-0 vs his former team. SU went 42 yds and 75 yds but settled for 2 FG's, 6-0. ND then hit a 38 yd FG, 6-3 at the half. SU opened the 3Q & drove to the 21 and settled for 38 yd FG, 9-3. ND went 73 yds in 12 plays for a TD. SU went 80 yds and got a TD, 15-10 (2 pt ng). SU's P dropped a snap and ND rec'd at the 27. Seven plays later the Irish had a TD, 16-15. ND went 47 yds for a TD. SU took over with :15 left at the 42 but their Hail Mary pass was knocked down.

† Notre Dame 27 Navy 9 - Giants Stadium. ND kept the longest ever win streak over one foe as Navy's last win came in 1963 with Roger Staubach and 34 times the Irish have won by DD. ND went on an 81 yd 6 play TD drive. Navy got to the ND 32 but was SOD. The Irish went 68 yds in 7 plays for a TD and would lead 17-0 at the half. At the half ND had a 226-95 yd edge. In the 3Q Navy opened with an 80 yd 15 play drive that took up half the Q but they settled for a 29 yd FG. The Irish answered with a 73 yd 13 play drive for a TD with 1:17 left. Navy fmbl'd at their own 13 but ND settled for a 20 yd FG, 27-3. After a 24 yd PR Navy drove 31 yds for a garbage TD with 4:15 left.

Boston College 24 NOTRE DAME 23 - For the 4th consecutive year BC defeated ND but the Irish blew numerous opportunities. The teams traded TD's in the 1Q then the Irish would score 2 TD's in the 2Q but miss an all important xp and lead 20-7 at the half. The Irish had a 213-126 yd edge at the half but BC had a 319-122 yd edge in the 2H. BC went 92 yds in 8 plays for a TD to pull within 20-14. ND punted & BC went 71 yds in 9 plays but settled for a 22 yd FG, 20-17. ND got a 12 yd PR to the BC 44 with 7:16 left and would hit a 43 yd FG with 2:51 left, 23-17. BC faced a 4th & 13 with 1:41 left and converted then on 2nd & 2 got a 30 yd TD pass with :54 left, 24-23. ND got to the BC 38 with :01 left, but missed the 55 yd FG.

Notre Dame 17 TENNESSEE 13 - The Vols went 58 yds and hit a 30 yd FG. ND answered with an 80 yd TD drive, 7-3. UT went 78 yds and Houston had a 56 yd TD on a screen pass, 10-7. ND punted with :42 left and surprisingly on 3rd & 20 UT went to the shotgun & Ainge fmbl'd the snap & separated his shoulder as he was tkl'd and missed the rest of the game. UT on 3rd & 12 Clausen avoided a sk, threw the ball & was int'd by LB Goolsby who ret'd it 26 yds for a TD with 6:46 left, 14-10. UT got a 39 yd pass & hit a 33 yd FG, 14-13. ND went 43 yds & hit a 39 yd FG,17-13.

Pittsburgh 41 NOTRE DAME 38 - Tyler Palko became the 1st QB to throw 5 TD passes vs ND. ND would go 74 yds for a TD. Pitt answered with an 82 yd TD drive to tie it. Pitt went 43 yds and ND went 67 yds for TD's, 14-14. Pitt went 66 yds for a TD but ND answered with an 80 yd TD drive. Pitt went 65 yds and got a 20 yd TD pass, 28-21 at the half. In the 3Q ND got a 71 yd PR and on the next play a 20 yd TD pass. Pitt went 79 yds and nailed a 27 yd FG for a 31-28 lead. ND got a 35 yd TD pass to Shelton to retake the lead 35-31. Pitt went 69 yds for a TD while converting 2 4th downs. ND went 52 yds and got a 45 yd FG with 1:11 left. Pitt got a 36 yd pass on its first play & hit a 32 yd FG with :01 left to pull out the win.

USC 41 Notre Dame 10 - ND went 93 yds and got a TD on 4th & goal. USC went 46 yds in 10 plays and hit a 39 yd FG, 7-3. ND went 73 yds in 11 plays but settled for a 28 yd FG and a 10-3. USC went 80 yds in 7 plays for a TD. After a ND punt, USC went 73 yds in 4 plays with a 58 yd TD pass, 17-10. At the half USC had a 246-185 yd edge. In the 3Q USC would go 49 yds in 10 plays but settled for a 42 yd FG. ND went 58 yds in 10 plays and their last chance to get back in the game basically ended with a 39 yd FG which they missed. USC, on 3rd & 2 got a screen pass to Bush that went 70 yds for a TD, 27-10. ND punted & USC would go 67 yds in 6 plays and a 35 yd TD pass made it 34-10. USC added a late TD pass.

2003 SEASON

RECORD: 5-7

NOTRE DAME 29 Wash St 26 (OT) - WSU had 1 offensive drive of 64 yds for a TD in the game and the Cougars added a pair of FG's following fmbl's rec'd at the Irish 12 and 36. ND was SOD at the WSU 45 on 4th & 1 and then missed a 47 yd FG. WSU got a 12 yd fmbl ret for a TD and led 19-3 at half. The Irish settled for 32 & 39 yd FG's and trailed 19-9 early 4Q. ND drove 25 yds for a TD after a fumble and then drove 80 yds for a TD to lead 23-19. After an int the Irish nailed a 47 yd FG. WSU then went 80 yds and got a one-handed TD catch with :53 left to force OT. WSU missed a 34 yd FG in OT and ND hit a 40 yd'r to win it.

MICHIGAN 38 Notre Dame 0 - UM simply dominated with 19-7 FD and 439-140 yd edges. The Wolves ret'd a punt 43 yds to the 2 to set up a TD & later added a FG. ND was driving but was int'd at the 19. UM went 81 yds for a TD and led 17-0 at the half. UM added a 36 yd TD drive. UM went on a school record 10:20 drive going 80 yds in 19 plays for a TD, 31-0. After ND was SOD, UM drove 50 yds for a TD dealing the Irish their first shutout in the series since 1902.

Michigan St 22 NOTRE DAME 16 - MSU nailed a 51 yd FG. There were 3 TO's before ND got a 34 yd FG to tie it. ND got a 29 yd FG after a 47 yd PR but MSU, after a 26 yd punt, tied it again with a 31 yd FG. MSU had a FD at the ND 7 but was int'd and it went to the half, 6-6. ND fmbl'd at the MSU 34. Later the Spartans got a 71 yd TD run by Hayes, 13-6. After an ND 30 yd FG, the Spartans drove for a 31 yd FG. MSU then ret'd an int 40 yds for a TD (2 ptng), 22-9. ND drove 89 yds under QB Quinn for a TD with 2:29 left. MSU rec'd the onside kick and ran out the clock.

PURDUE 23 Notre Dame10 - ND had 18-13 FD & 376-223 yd edges but lost. PU got a 56 yd TD drive then after the first of Quinn's (first start as true frosh) four int's added a 46 yd FG, 10-0. ND drove 61 yds but settled for a 19 yd FG and PU got a 31 yd FG with 2:12 left 1H. ND got an 85 yd TD pass, 13-10 at the half. In the 3Q PU got a 29 yd FG. The Boilers later int'd a pass at the ND 13 and 4 plays later had a TD, 23-10. The Irish were int'd at the PU 20, SOD at the PU 25 and their last drive got to the PU 23 where they were also SOD.

Notre Dame 20 PITT 14 - RB Jones broke ND's school record with 262 rush yds including his 25 yd TD run, 7-0. Pitt missed a 52 yd FG and was SOD at the ND 34. Pitt drove 52 yds for a TD and then after a 71 yd PR, drove 4 yds for a TD, 14-7. ND drove 70 yds for the tying TD and Pitt missed a 38 yd FG. Pitt fmbl'd on its own 8 with :55 left 1H and the Irish got a 19 yd FG for the lead. Pitt missed a 48 yd FG after an int and ND drove 56 yds for a 34 yd FG. ND was SOD at the Pitt 33 and then missed a 32 yd FG. Amazingly ND went on a 58 yd, 16 play drive that finished at the Pitt 20 and ate up the rest of the clock.

Usc 45 NOTRE DAME 14 - USC beat the Irish by 31 pts for the 2nd straight year. The teams scored TD's on the first 5 poss of the game and USC led 21-14. The Irish drove to the USC 36 but were SOD. USC drove 80 yds for a TD and led 28-14 at the half. USC drove 60 yds for a TD early 3Q and added a 29 yd FG, 38-14. ND's was SOD at the USC 16 with 12:24 left. The Trojans went on an 80 yd drive for a TD with 5:38 left. ND fmbl'd and USC ran out the clock.

BOSTON COLLEGE 27 Notre Dame 25 - The teams had 4 1H scoring drives but BC got TD's and ND settled for 38 & 27 yd FG's and trailed 14-6. After an int, BC got a 30 yd FG and after ND's fake punt was SOD, BC drove 44 yds for a TD and a 24-6 lead with 3:27 left in the 3Q. ND drove 78 yds for a TD (2 ptng) and then tackled BC's P on the 23 setting up a TD pass on the next play, 24-19. ND was int'd at the 50 but blk'd a punt for a TD with 3:34 left and a 25-24 lead. BC nailed a 26 yd FG with :38 left.

Florida St 37 NOTRE DAME 0 - ND was held scoreless at home for the first time since 1978. FSU got a 40 yd FG and then drove 73 yds for a TD to lead 10-0. The Irish ret'd an int to the FSU 9 but settled for a 24 yd FG which was blk'd. FSU added an 88 yd TD drive and 44 yd FG. The Noles then drove 73 yds for a 22 yd FG, 23-0. In the 3Q FSU got a 38 yd TD pass two plays after an int. The Irish were SOD at the FSU 38, 10 and 5. ND was int'd & ret'd 90 yds for a TD. ND was int'd from the FSU 45.

NOTRE DAME 27 Navy 24 - ND's opening drive ended in a missed 50 yd FG. Navy was SOD at the ND 31 and the Irish got a 48 yd TD run by Jones who finished with 221 rush yds. Navy got a 65 yd run from Lane for the TD to tie it. Navy made a 35 yd FG and the Irish missed a 43 yd'r. ND was SOD at the Navy 39 but then drove 58 yds for a TD with :14 left 1H and a 14-10 lead. Navy drove 40 yds for a TD and ND answered with a 66 yd TD drive to lead 21-17. The Middies went 39 yds for a TD but the Irish went 58 yds for a tying 30 yd FG with 5:10 left. Navy was at the ND 47 and opted to punt on 4th & 5. Then the Irish drove 54 yds for a 40 yd FG that was partially blk'd but fluttered through the uprights on the final play.

NOTRE DAME 33 Byu 14 - ND got a 27 yd FG after rec'ing a fmbl and BYU drove 76 yds for a TD to lead 7-3. ND got a 31 & 34 yd FG's, 9-7. A 27 yd punt with 2:07 left 1H set up the Irish for a 52 yd TD drive, 16-7. ND drove 59 yds for a TD, 23-7. ND was int'd at the BYU 11. Later ND drove 44 yds for a 38 yd FG, 26-7. BYU was int'd at the ND 2 but then drove 39 yds for a TD, 26-14. BYU went for it on 4th & 10 at their own 21 with 2:40 left and were SOD and the Irish on 4th & 3 got a 13 yd TD run.

Notre Dame 57 STANFORD 7 - The Irish got 90, 78, and 13 (after 44 yd PR) drives for TD's to lead 21-0. ND was int'd in the EZ but then drove 72 yds for a TD (xp blk'd). SU WR Bradford's knee was down at the ND 31 but it was ruled a fmbl and Burrell ret'd it 69 yds for a TD with :36 left 1H, 34-0. ND drove 71 yds for a TD and SU got a 65 yd TD pass, 41-7. After blk'ing a punt, SU was int'd at the 2. The Irish added a 44 yd fmbl return for a TD, a safety on a bad punt snap and 46 yd TD run by Grant. ND also ran a fake punt on 4th & 17 at midfield with 4:02 left.

SYRACUSE 38 Notre Dame 12 - ND was int'd and Reyes' TD run was the first of 5 for him. ND was driving but fmbl'd at the SU 37 and SU settled for a 42 yd FG. The Irish got a 50 yd FG and it was 10-3. ND had a FD at the SU 14 but fmbl'd. SU was int'd at the ND 5. SU had a FD at the Irish 8 but was int'd in the EZ. ND got a 40 yd FG after a blk'd punt. SU drove 59 yds for a TD and after a ND fmbl, drove 35 yds for a TD. SU was int'd at the ND 30 and the Irish ret'd it 47 yds setting up a 23 yd TD drive, 24-12 (xp ng). Reyes then got a 71 yd TD run. ND was int'd at the SU 15 and the Orange drove 85 yds for a TD. SU had a FD at the Irish 17 but was SOD. The Irish was SOD at midfield with 1:12 left.

2002 SEASON

RECORD: 10-3

† Notre Dame 22 Maryland 0 - Giants Stadium. MD was w/o RB Perry and their top rusher Crawford had just 16 yds. ND had a 356-133 yd edge and controlled the ball for 41:04. ND got 51, 32 and 18 yd FG's in the 1H, 9-0. They got a 76 yd int ret for a TD and a 46 & 24 yd FG's, 22-0 w/14:50 left. MD suffered 3 int's.

NOTRE DAME 24 Purdue 17 - PU had a 318-203 yd edge and ND did not score an offensive TD. It was 17-7 at the half w/ PU having a 157-144 yd edge. PU drove 71 yds for a TD and added a 35 yd FG in the 4Q to tie it at 17. ND got a 33 yd int return for a TD w/5:00 left.

NOTRE DAME 25 Michigan 23 - ND opened w/an 80 yd TD drive. UM got a 20 yd int ret for a TD. UM had a 31 yd FG blk'd. UM was called for holding in the EZ for a safety and ND got a 27 yd TD drive after a fmbl for a questionable TD call as Holiday fmbl'd before getting in the EZ. ND led 16-7 at the half w/an 11-2 FD edge & 195-73 yd edge. UM settled for a 19 yd FG and drove after ND fmbl'd the KO & took the 17-16 lead. Holiday hit 28 & 48 yd passes to key a 76 yd TD drive, 22-17 (2 ptng). UM fmbl'd and ND added a 46 yd FG. UM drove 81 yds for a TD w/2:50 left but the 2 pt failed.

Notre Dame 21 MICHIGAN ST 17 - ND went 80 yds for a TD on their opening poss. MSU settled for a 35 yd FG 7-3. After an int ND got a TD (? calls) w/:11 left in the half, 14-3. The 3Q was scoreless. ND's Holiday got hurt and Dillingham QB'd the 4Q. MSU got a 38 yd TD pass w/13:22 left. On 4th & 11 Smoker hit Rogers w/a 21 yd TD pass in the back of the EZ on a tremendous catch and MSU had the lead, 17-14. ND got a 57 yd TD pass w/1:15 left. MSU drove but was int'd at the 5.

NOTRE DAME 31 Stanford 7 - SU led 7-3 at the half, had 12-5 FD and 184-119 yd edges. ND drove for a TD w/12:22 left in the 3Q and got two int returns for TD's in the next 3:00 to lead 24-7 after 3Q's. Another int set up ND for a 41 yd TD drive.

NOTRE DAME 14 Pittsburgh 6 - Pitt had 21-10 FD & 402-185 yd edges. Pitt drove 75 yds but settled for a 29 yd FG. ND had 1 drive over 36 yds and it was an 80 yd TD drive w/ 9:51 left in the 2Q, 7-3. Pitt went on a 66 yd drive but settled for a 25 yd FG before the half, 7-6. The key play happened when Pitt fmbl'd at their own 13 w/8:00 left & ND capitalized w/a TD, 14-6.

Notre Dame 21 AIR FORCE 14 - AF got a 21 yd fmbl ret for a TD to lead 7-3. ND had 73, 70 and 79 yd drives, 2 for TD's w/1 ending in a missed 41 yd FG and only lead 14-7. ND fmbl'd the opening 2H KO and AF drove 16 yds for a TD. ND drove 59 yds for a TD and missed another FG. For the game ND held AF to 104 yds rushing.

Notre Dame 34 FLORIDA ST 24 - FSU was off a bye and ND played their 2nd ranked tm in a row on the road. After ND led 10-3 FSU went on an amazing 93 yd TD drive, 10-10 at half. ND took over at the 23 after an int and got a FG. FSU fmbl'd setting ND up for a TD then FSU fmbl'd the KO and ND went 17 yds for a TD & a 27-10 lead w/ 24 ttl yds on the TD drives. ND got a Grant 32 yd TD run. Rix was int'd and McPherson came in to drive FSU 95 yds for a TD, 34-17. FSU rec'd the onside kick and drove 49 yds for a TD w/:12 left. The Sems rec'd the onside kick again but had no time.

Boston College 14 NOTRE DAME 7 - ND had 22-9 FD and 357-184 yd edges but had 5 TO's. ND led 14-0 w/4:03 left in the half. ND drove but fmbl'd. BC was int'd but ND fmbl'd. The next 5 poss ended in punts. ND had a 1st & goal at the 7 but on 4th & 22 their pass fell incomplete w/6:50 left. BC punted w/3:46 left and ND drove 69 yds in 8 plays for a TD, 14-7. BC got 1 FD & punted w/:12 left and ND final 2 passes fell incomplete.

† Notre Dame 30 Navy 23 - Baltimore Ravens Stadium. ND scored on a safety when the ball was snapped over the Navy P's head and Navy drove 95 yds for a TD, 7-2. ND answered w/a 74 yd 13 play TD drive, 9-7 at half. Navy drove 44 yds for a TD, 14-9 but ND ret'd the KO 92 yds for a TD. Navy answered w/an 80 yd 12 play TD drive w/3:17 left in the 3Q, 20-15 and after a fmbl got a 36 yd FG to lead by 8. The Irish took over w/7:40 left and drove 48 yds in 7 plays for a TD & 2 pt conv to tie w/ 4:28 left. After a Navy punt, ND got a 67 yd TD pass w/ 2:08 left to pull it out and Navy's final 2 poss ended on int's.

NOTRE DAME 42 Rutgers 0 - The 1H was much closer than the 14-0 score indicated. In the 3Q ND got a 63 yd TD pass and a 37 yd TD drive on their next poss, 28-0. ND got a 28 yd TD run and added a 50 yd run w/5:36 left in the 3Q, 42-0.

USC 44 Notre Dame 13 - USC dominated w/31-4 FD and 610-109 yd edges. In fact, they had a 16-2 FD and 328-94 yd edges at the half but only led 17-13 as ND got a blk'd punt for a TD, a fmbl set up a 32 yd FG and they had a 34 yd FG. USC also missed a 36 yd FG. USC settled for 22, 26 & 29 yd FG's.

NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

2005 NATIONAL RANK: 28

2005 NEWCOMERS

David Bruton PS#85DB 6-2 184 Miamisburg, HS/Miamisburg, OH. 4.5 speed. Participated in Ohio North/South All-Star game. All-District and Area honors after making 54 tackles with three interceptions and seven passes broken up as a Senior. Committed to Notre Dame in July 2004.

Paul Duncan PS#53OL 6-7 270 East Paulding HS/Dallas, GA. Played in Georgia North/South All-Star game. Georgia Lineman of the Year by Atlanta Touchdown Club and 1st Team Georgia Class AAAA. *Atlanta Journal Constitution* Super Southern 100 Team. Graded out as 80% blocker with more than 30 pancakes as a Senior.

David Grimes PS#69WR 5-10 170 DePorres HS/ Detroit, MI. 4.5 speed. 32" vertical jump. Committed to Notre Dame in July '04. 1st Team All-Michigan selection on the *Detroit Free Press* Dream Team. As a WR caught 48 passes for 800 yards and 8 TD's as a Senior while on defense totalled 41 tackles and intercepted 5 passes. Also plays guard on hoops team. Brother Carl is a WR at Michigan State.

Derrell Hand PS#106DL 6-3 300 West Catholic HS/Philadelphia, PA. Run stuffing DT who corralled 72 tackles and seven sacks as a Senior. Also played TE where he caught 10 passes for 312 yards in '04. Averaged 16 points per game and 10 rebounds per game on hoops team.

Ray Herring PS#60DB 6-1 215 Holy Trinity HS/Melbourne, FL. 4.5 speed, 325 bench, 500 squat. 4 time All-Florida SS who piled up 76 tackles and nine interceptions as a Senior. Totalled 809 yards and 13 TD's on offense in '04. As a Junior made 149 tackles with 7 interceptions and had 1,147 yards of total offense with 16 TD's. Finished career ranked 4th all-time in Florida history with 25 career interceptions.

Joey Hiben PS#13TE 6-5 225 Waconia HS/ Chaska, MN. 4.7 speed, 330 bench. 2nd Team All-Minnesota honoree as DE/RB/TE/P. Made 44 tackles and three sacks while rushing for 235 yards with 4 TD receptions and a 42 yards average as a P as a Senior. Finished #4 in Minnesota state track meet as a Sophomore in 110m high hurdles.

DJ Hord PS#10WR 6-2 185 Rockhurst HS/Lee's Summit, MO 4.4 speed. Gatorade Missouri Player of the Year. Played in US Army All-American Bowl. Caught 36 passes for 560 yards and 6 TD's as a Senior after stellar junior year in which he hauled in 56 passes for 955 yards and 10 TD's. Concentrated on basketball early in high school career. Sprinter on track team.

Pat Kuntz PS#104DL 6-4 230 Roncalli HS/ Indianapolis, IN. 4.8 speed, 360 bench. Two time All-Indiana performer who totalled 114 tackles, 27 tackles for losses, 14 sacks with 2 forced fumbles on back-to-back state championship teams as a Senior. Made 120 tackles and 10 sacks as a Jr.

Kyle McCarthy PS#265DB 6-0 190 Cardinal Mooney HS/Youngstown, OH. 4.47 speed, 34" vertical jump. HS QB/DB who is being recruited as a DB. Threw for 1,100 yards and rushed for 700 yards while leading Cardinal Mooney to '04 Ohio Division IV State Title. As a DB had 38 tackles and four interceptions while also returning 3 punts for TD's in '04.

LB Steve Quinn PS#71WR 6-3 204 Philadelphia St Joesph's HS/Cherry Hill NJ. 4.62 speed, 29" vertical jump. Penn St verbal who changed his mind on signing day. Philadelphia Catholic League Player of the Year and All-Pennsylvania LB/TE who made 74 tackles, 14 tackles for losses, 6 sacks, 2 interceptions and broke up 20 passes as a Senior. As a TE snared 32 passes for 599 yards and 4 TD's in '04.

Asaph Schwapp PS#80RB 6-2 230 Weaver HS/ Hartford, CT. 4.64 speed, 415 bench, 28 reps of 185 bench. Gatorade Connecticut Player of the Year and 1st Team All-State honoree after rushing for 1,100 yards as a Senior while also playing LB. Ran for 1,313 yards and 13 TD's as a Junior. Committed to Notre Dame in July of '04 and only RB signed by the Irish in Weis' first class.

Evan Sharpley PS#13QB 6-2 205 Marshall HS/ Marshall, MI. 4.7 speed. 1st Team All-Michigan Div 4 pro style QB who completed 91 of 188 passes (48%) for 1,389 yards and 16 TD's as a Senior. Hit 145 of 285 (51%) for 1,942 yards and 19 TD's as Junior and impressively 126 of 280 (45%) for 1,840 yards and 26 TD's as a Sophomore. Committed to Notre Dame in July of '04. Named Michigan Athlete of the Year at the Dodge Athletic Awards in May '05. Baseball All-American and may play for the Irish. Weis said on signing day may compete for #2 QB job this season.

Scott Smith PS#69LB 6-4 225 Highland Park HS/Highland Park, IL 4.75 speed. Voted conference's defensive Player of the Year and earned All-Illinois laurels after compiling 143 tackles, 6 sacks and 2 interceptions as a Senior. On basketball team averaged 15 points per game and 10 rebounds per game as a power forward. Committed to Notre Dame in July '04.

Michael Turkovich PS#167OL 6-7 275 Valley Forge Military Acad/Bedford, PA. 5.0 speed. Two way starter as OT/DL as a Senior. Did not allow a sack on offense while grading out close to 90% on his blocking assignments in his first year on the OL. Piled up 13 sacks on defense. Was a TE as a Junior and gained 50 lbs in order to play OT.

LB Kevin Washington PS#80QB 6-1 215 Austin HS/ Sugar Land, TX. 4.5 speed, 30" vertical jump. Named to *Dallas Morning News* Texas Top 100. QB/S as a Junior and Senior but recruited as a DB here. Threw for 746 yards and 2 TD's while rushing for 521 yards and 4 TD's as a Senior. On defense combined for 81 tackles and 4 interceptions in his last 2 seasons. Committed to Notre Dame in July '04.

NFL DRAFT

2005

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	74	Justin Tuck	DE	NY Giants
5	144	Jerome Collins	TE	St Louis

2004

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	43	Julius Jones	RB	Dallas
2	60	Courtney Watson	LB	New Orleans
4	122	Glenn Earl	SS	Houston
6	170	Vontez Duff	DB	Houston
6	180	Jim Molinaro	OT	Washington

2003

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	21	Jeff Faine	C	Cleveland
5	153	Jordan Black	OT	Kansas City
5	168	Sean Mahan	OG	Tampa Bay
5	170	Shane Walton	FS	St Louis
6	182	Gerome Sapp	FS	Baltimore
6	197	Arnaz Battle	WR	San Francisco
6	212	Brennan Curtin	OT	Green Bay

2002

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	52	Anthony Weaver	DE	Baltimore
4	133	Rocky Boiman	LB	Tennessee
5	138	John Owens	TE	Detroit
6	198	Tyreo Harrison	LB	Philadelphia
6	206	Javin Hunter	WR	Baltimore
7	253	David Givens	WR	New England

2001

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	68	Mike Gandy	OG	Chicago
3	86	Brock Williams	CB	New England
4	119	Jabari Holloway	TE	New England
6	178	Tony Driver	FS	Buffalo
6	195	Dan O'Leary	TE	Buffalo
7	213	Anthony Denman	LB	Jacksonville

2000

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
7	214	Jarious Jackson	QB	Denver

1999

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	19	Luke Petitgout	OT	NY Giants
5	143	Jerry Wisne	OG	Chicago
5	149	Mike Rosenthal	OT	NY Giants
5	166	Malcolm Johnson	WR	Pittsburgh
7	210	Hunter Smith	P	Indianapolis
7	233	Autry Denson	RB	Tampa Bay
7	234	Kory Minor	LB	San Francisco

1998

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
3	85	Allen Rossum	CB	Philadelphia

1997

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
1	21	Renaldo Wynn	DE	Jacksonville
2	55	Marc Edwards	FB	San Francisco
3	86	Bert Berry	DE	Indianapolis
3	87	Kinnon Tatum	LB	Carolina
5	135	Pete Chryplewicz	TE	Detroit

1996

RD	#	Player	Pos	Team
2	56	Derrick Mayes	WR	Green Bay
4	116	Paul Grasmanis	DT	Chicago
6	189	Shawn Wooden	FS	Miami
6	202	Dusty Zeigler	C	Buffalo

LAST 6 BOWL GAMES PAST HISTORIES

2004 INSIGHT BOWL OREGON ST 38 NOTRE DAME 21

Notre Dame DC Kent Baer became the interim HC for this game after Tyrone Willingham was fired and subsequently hired at Washington. After a 52 yd punt return, OSU took over on the ND 27. Four plays later OSU QB Derek Anderson hit a 12 yd TD pass, 7-0. Later OSU blocked a punt and recovered at the ND 4. Two plays later, OSU scored on an 11 yd TD pass from Anderson, 14-0. OSU drove 45 yds in 5 plays for a TD, 21-0 with 7:49 left in the 1H. ND finally got on the board just before halftime with a 13 yd TD pass from Brady Quinn, 21-7. OSU hit a 38 yd FG, but ND got a 5 yd TD run in the 3Q, 24-14. OSU drove 90 yds in 12 plays for a TD with 12:17 left in the game. ND drove 88 yds in 10 plays to pull within 10, 31-21 with 4:52 left. ND tried the onside kick, but it backfired and OSU recovered at the ND 28. Four plays later, Dwight Wright got a 2 yd TD run to clinch it for the Beavers. OSU outgained the Irish 378-276, and OSU QB Anderson hit 28 of 45 passes for 358 yds in the game.

2002 GATOR BOWL NC STATE 28 NOTRE DAME 6

Notre Dame got on the board first with a 23 yd FG in the 1Q. NCS got 2 TD runs from TA McLendon in the 2Q to go up 14-3. Following an int, NCS took over at the ND 48. NCS drove 48 yds in 6 plays for a TD to lead 21-3 at the half. In the 3Q, ND drove 39 yds for a 41 yd FG, 21-6. In the 4Q, NCS drove 69 yds in 9 plays, and QB Philip Rivers hit a 7 yd TD pass to Sean Berton to seal the victory. NCS only had a 317-286 yard edge in the game, but ND threw 3 int, and NCS had no turnovers in the game.

2000 FIESTA BOWL OREGON ST 41 NOTRE DAME 9

Although the final result was a blowout win for OSU, ND was only down 12-3 at the half. OSU posted the only 1Q score on a 32 yd FG. OSU drove 50 yds in 12 plays for a 29 yd FG in the 2Q, 6-0. OSU QB Jonathan Smith hit a 74 yd TD pass (2 pt failed) to Chad Johnson with 4:18 left in the 2Q, 12-0. ND drove 65 yds in 15 plays to end the shutout on a 29 yd FG as time expired in the 2Q, 12-3. OSU blew it open in the 3Q with 29 points beginning with a 23 yd TD pass from Smith following a fumble recovery on the ND 26. OSU's Terrell Roberts got a 45 yd punt return for a TD to make it 27-3 with 9:08 left in the 3Q. OSU drove for a TD from the ND 22 following a Matt LoVecchio int, 34-3. OSU then drove 55 yds in 4 plays for a 4 yd TD run by Ken Simonton, 41-3. ND got a 57 yd garbage TD drive with 6:07 left in the game for the final (2 ptng). OSU finished with a 446-155 yard edge in the game.

1998 GATOR BOWL GEORGIA TECH 35 NOTRE DAME 28

ND QB Jarious Jackson wasn't 100% for this game, but RB Autry Denson rushed for 130 yds and 3 TD's to nearly pull this one out. GT drove 87 yds in 12 plays for a TD with 6:22 left 1Q. ND drove 65 yds in 6 plays and Denson got a 9 yd TD run to even the score after 1Q. GT drove 78 yds in 10 plays for a TD with 13:46 left in the half. GT later drove 84 yds in 10 plays to go ahead 21-7 at the half. ND got back into the game in the 3rd quarter on an 80 yd TD drive, 21-14. ND's Tony Driver recovered a fumble on the KO, and ND took over at the GT 26. Eight plays later, QB Jackson took it in from 2 yds out, 21-20 (xpng). GT drove 71 yds in 7 plays, and QB Joe Hamilton hit a 44 yd TD pass, 28-20. ND drove 88 yds in 12 plays to tie it at 28 (2 pt good) with 11:56 left in the game. GT drove 91 yds in 9 plays and Joe Hamilton hit a 55 yd TD pass to Dez White with 7:55 left, 35-28. ND had 3 more chances, but couldn't move past their own 28 yd line.

1997 INDEPENDENCE BOWL LSU 27 NOTRE DAME 9

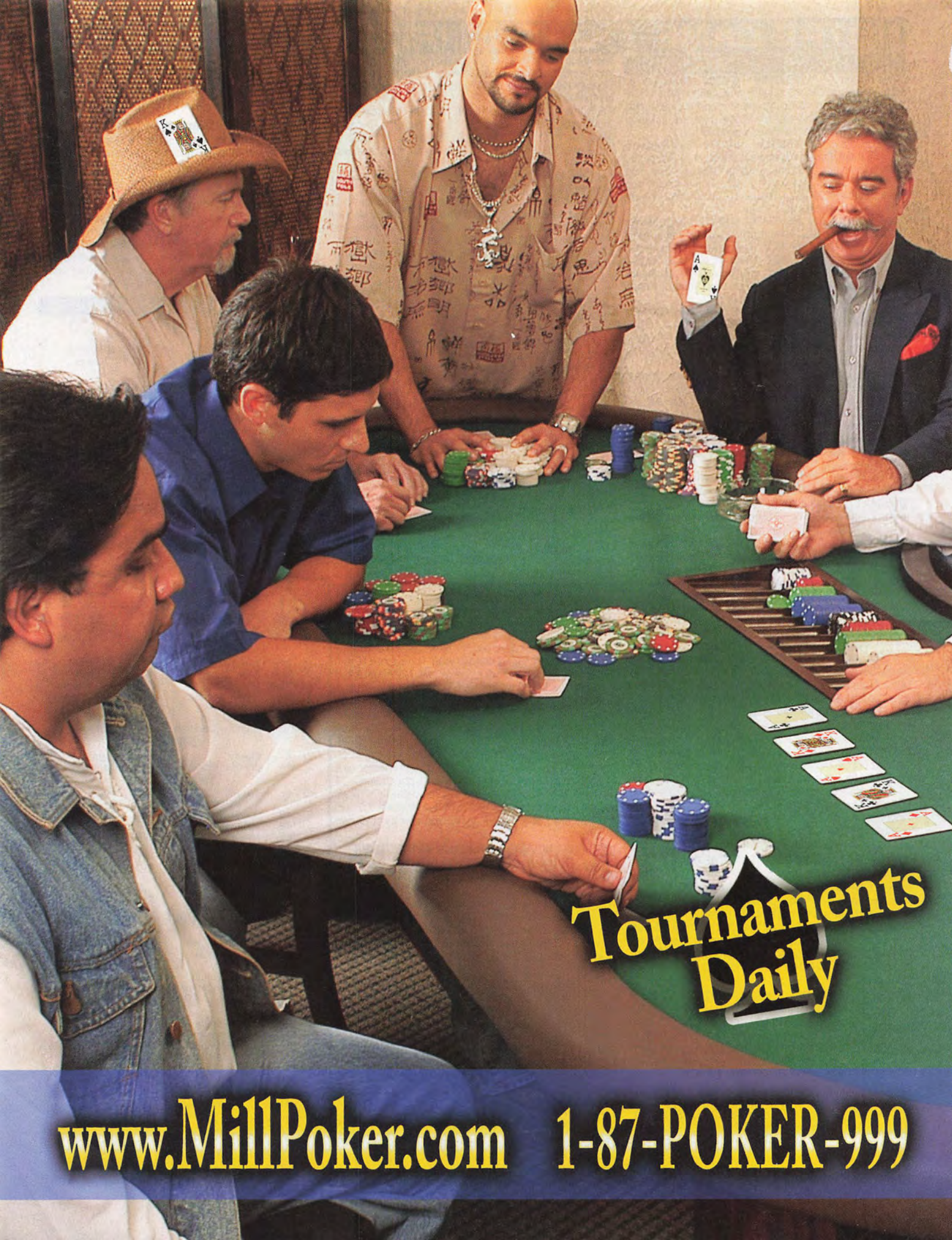
LSU RB Rondell Mealey replaced injured starter Kevin Faulk and rushed for 222 yds and 2 TD's to lead the Tigers to the convincing win. Notre Dame led 6-3 at the half but LSU hit a 42 yd FG in the 3Q to tie it up. LSU drove for a 12 yd TD pass from Herb Tyler to Abram Booty to go ahead 13-6 with 4:05 left in the 3Q. ND hit a 33 yd FG with 13:10 left in the 4Q. LSU came back with a 2 yd TD run by Mealey with 12:47 left and a 1 yd TD run by Mealey with 2:22 left to put the game away.

1995 ORANGE BOWL FLORIDA ST 31 NOTRE DAME 26

Notre Dame was missing starting QB Ron Powlus and leading rusher Randy Kinder for this game. ND drove 50 yds in 5 plays, and QB Tom Krug hit Derrick Mayes with a 39 yd TD pass with 8:27 left 1Q. FSU came right back with an 81 yd TD drive, 7-7 with 6:08 left 1Q. ND settled for a 20 yd FG, 10-7. FSU QB Dan Kannell hit his 2nd TD pass with 2:30 left in the half, and FSU led 14-10 at halftime. ND got a 33 yd TD pass from Krug to Mayes in the 3Q and led 17-14. The Irish got a safety when FSU QB Kannell stepped out of bounds in the endzone. After the freekick, ND drove 63 yds in 5 plays and Krug hit his 3rd TD pass to put the Irish up by 12 (26-14) with 11:43 left in the game. FSU began their comeback with a 73 yd TD drive, 26-21. FSU's Dee Feaster got a 41 yd punt return which resulted in a 30 yd TD drive to put FSU up 29-26 with 6:09 left. ND QB Krug was called for intentional grounding in the endzone for a safety with 2:02 left and FSU ran out the clock.

NOTRE DAME DRAFT FACTS:

Despite sporadic success in the win/loss column lately, ND has had 44 draft picks in the last 10 years including 7 drafted in 2003 & 1999. The Irish have only had 3 first rounders in the last 10 years and all have been linemen. In 1993 Notre Dame had 4 first round draft picks including the #2 pick overall, QB Rick Mirer. Notre Dame has had 5 players drafted #1 overall in their history (most in the NCAA), but the last one was DT Walt Patulski in 1972.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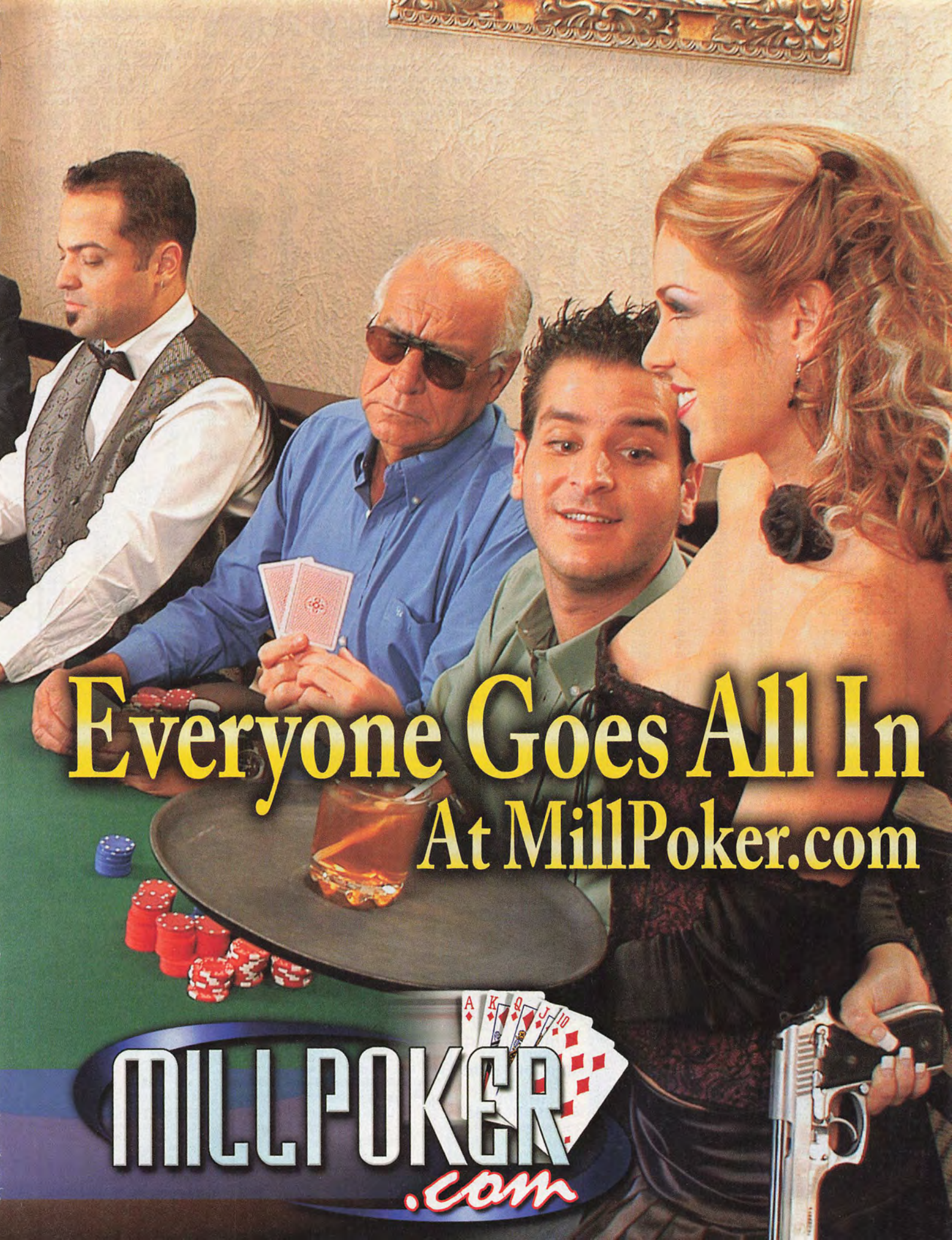
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2004 PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE RANKINGS

Here are my rankings for pass efficiency defense. Taken into account are total yards, TD's, int's and completion % just like the NCAA does. THE KEY DIFFERENCE between the NCAA pass D rankings and mine is that I also factor in the strength of opposing pass attacks faced. **For example, Maryland finished #8 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defensive rankings in 2004. They allowed opposing QB's just 48.3% completions with a 7-6 ratio. When I factor in the strength of their opponents' pass attacks, they ranked only #41 in my rankings. Their toughest pass offense faced was #52 Temple and not only did their other 10 opponents finish in the bottom half of the pass offense rankings, but 5 were in the bottom 32! Conversely, USC finished only #34 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defense rankings, but #1 in my rankings as they took on NINE teams rated higher than Maryland's toughest pass attack faced including the #5, #7 and #12 attacks and still yielded just 53.8% with a 13-22 ratio.** Listed are the raw numbers as well as the computer's final rankings taking into account strength of opponent faced.

#	TEAM	YPG	ATT	COMP	%	TD	INT	GRADE	OPP
1	USC	199.9	457	246	53.8	13	22	14.2	10.92
2	Oregon St	196.0	424	186	43.9	25	19	13.8	10.15
3	Arizona St	236.0	438	235	53.7	19	17	12.6	11.40
4	NC State	119.0	272	118	43.4	12	9	12.0	8.16
5	LSU	157.2	333	160	48.0	16	14	11.9	9.10
6	Penn St	162.3	310	175	56.5	5	16	11.7	9.34
7	Wisconsin	167.3	369	180	48.8	13	11	11.7	9.00
8	Alabama	113.1	242	105	43.4	9	12	11.7	7.85
9	Troy	210.1	406	217	53.4	9	25	11.6	8.58
10	California	238.4	426	221	51.9	17	10	11.6	10.90
11	Virginia Tech	152.8	332	180	54.2	8	19	11.6	8.96
12	Oregon	216.8	344	182	52.9	19	13	11.0	10.64
13	Miami, Fl	173.1	336	170	50.6	13	13	11.0	8.96
14	Clemson	191.6	359	183	51.0	10	11	10.9	8.66
15	Boise St	253.9	432	230	53.2	21	23	10.8	9.67
16	New Mexico	214.9	396	220	55.6	14	13	10.8	10.10
17	Ohio St	201.6	430	240	55.8	15	18	10.7	9.06
18	Utah	203.3	372	196	52.7	11	16	10.7	8.85
19	Kansas	227.8	375	202	53.9	16	19	10.7	9.32
20	Stanford	248.9	372	222	59.7	13	16	10.6	11.18
21	Louisville	196.9	385	195	50.6	18	17	10.6	8.71
22	Florida St	200.8	380	204	53.7	8	16	10.5	8.50
23	Fresno St	174.8	362	185	51.1	9	16	10.5	7.90
24	Texas Tech	181.3	381	195	51.2	13	11	10.5	8.54
25	Iowa	201.3	424	234	55.2	15	17	10.4	8.83
26	Florida	203.7	395	219	55.4	15	17	10.4	9.19
27	UCLA	222.8	408	227	55.6	18	14	10.4	10.17
28	Michigan	202.9	371	207	55.8	14	16	10.3	9.42
29	Oklahoma	204.4	410	223	54.4	15	8	10.3	10.06
30	Mississippi	205.6	313	148	47.3	13	8	10.1	8.73
31	Wyoming	211.5	363	192	52.9	16	14	10.1	9.31
32	South Carolina	177.3	328	174	53.0	13	17	10.1	8.14
33	West Virginia	198.3	406	223	54.9	14	16	10.0	8.52
34	San Diego St	227.4	383	207	54.0	17	14	9.9	9.23
35	BYU	229.3	364	198	54.4	15	13	9.9	9.43
36	UTEP	207.1	388	203	52.3	14	18	9.9	8.13
37	Texas	212.7	386	213	55.2	12	13	9.9	9.04
38	Georgia Tech	193.3	395	215	54.4	12	10	9.8	8.69
39	S Mississippi	200.9	362	186	51.4	19	16	9.8	8.65
40	Washington St	233.2	385	215	55.8	21	12	9.7	10.27
41	Maryland	172.2	292	141	48.3	7	6	9.5	7.66
42	Boston College	204.0	396	231	58.3	10	17	9.5	8.44
43	Cincinnati	194.2	332	165	49.7	19	10	9.5	8.90
44	Iowa St	190.3	354	193	54.5	15	17	9.4	8.29
45	Washington	185.8	310	186	60.0	14	10	9.4	10.25
46	Bowling Green	259.5	467	259	55.5	15	14	9.2	8.75
47	Nebraska	267.6	448	254	56.7	18	14	9.1	9.11
48	Missouri	149.3	277	148	53.4	10	15	9.1	7.32
49	Michigan St	209.0	368	202	54.9	15	8	9.0	9.17
50	Marshall	223.2	385	217	56.4	19	19	8.9	8.71
51	Connecticut	190.8	351	178	50.7	14	10	8.9	7.75
52	Kent St	199.6	323	177	54.8	15	15	8.8	8.23
53	Auburn	173.5	367	200	54.5	15	16	8.8	7.69
54	Arizona	255.5	374	217	58.0	18	8	8.7	10.70
55	Colorado St	193.9	328	186	56.7	15	8	8.7	9.00
56	Purdue	239.9	434	241	55.5	15	8	8.7	8.83
57	UL Monroe	231.7	340	202	59.4	18	13	8.7	9.63
58	Ohio	195.4	340	200	58.8	13	12	8.6	8.61
59	Tulsa	191.3	327	162	49.5	14	10	8.4	7.44
60	Northwestern	251.8	454	255	56.2	25	8	8.3	9.90
61	Kansas St	201.4	287	154	53.7	19	10	8.2	8.98
62	Kentucky	203.2	276	157	56.9	13	12	8.1	8.98
63	Northern Illinois	223.0	403	239	59.3	14	13	8.1	8.42
64	Pittsburgh	255.3	452	255	56.4	22	17	8.1	8.33
65	Mississippi St	174.5	272	159	58.5	15	12	8.1	8.75
66	Wake Forest	235.3	370	205	55.4	16	11	8.1	8.23
67	Oklahoma St	222.4	381	227	59.6	18	11	8.1	9.44
68	Georgia	182.0	326	180	55.2	13	5	8.0	8.19
69	Colorado	260.2	452	262	58.0	18	16	7.9	8.63
70	Texas A&M	244.3	444	262	59.0	24	13	7.9	9.31
71	Florida Atlantic	237.6	434	241	55.5	12	16	7.8	6.92
72	Idaho	232.1	358	202	56.4	25	15	7.7	9.29
73	Tennessee	236.4	418	254	60.8	19	16	7.7	9.02
74	Akron	237.0	373	242	64.9	17	11	7.6	7.84
75	Notre Dame	281.3	426	248	58.2	23	9	7.5	10.35
76	Louisiana Tech	231.3	384	217	56.5	25	13	7.5	8.85
77	Hawaii	235.2	423	236	55.8	21	14	7.5	8.08
78	Minnesota	266.0	451	271	60.1	17	12	7.4	8.54
79	North Texas	241.3	404	250	61.9	15	14	7.3	8.50
80	UNLV	207.3	342	200	58.5	21	6	7.3	9.05
81	Toledo	275.1	477	270	56.6	27	12	7.3	9.23
82	Houston	206.9	288	174	60.4	18	14	7.2	9.02
83	Buffalo	213.5	327	198	60.6	17	9	7.2	8.95
84	Indiana	256.5	376	212	56.4	25	11	7.2	8.95
85	San Jose St	188.6	267	158	59.2	17	12	7.2	8.68
86	Miami, Oh	215.6	414	236	57.0	24	9	7.1	8.56
87	Louisiana-Lft	174.5	308	185	60.1	9	9	7.0	7.09
88	Air Force	222.1	298	168	56.4	17	9	7.0	8.55
89	Virginia	194.8	333	202	60.7	15	9	7.0	8.38
90	Nevada	190.3	299	166	55.5	15	15	7.0	7.10
91	North Carolina	228.1	361	222	61.5	14	8	7.0	9.02
92	Illinois	229.6	359	230	64.1	20	10	6.9	9.80
93	Syracuse	240.2	374	225	60.2	23	13	6.8	9.08
94	TCU	304.0	414	231	55.8	29	9	6.7	9.68
95	UAB	270.0	456	274	60.1	23	9	6.7	8.92
96	Tulane	227.0	332	203	61.1	14	6	6.6	8.61
97	Memphis	275.9	423	241	57.0	29	11	6.6	9.19
98	Duke	200.7	277	162	58.5	13	15	6.5	7.14
99	South Florida	248.0	335	196	58.5	20	4	6.2	9.18
100	Utah St	202.5	281	174	61.9	15	13	6.2	7.89
101	Arkansas	216.9	287	172	59.9	18	6	6.0	8.82
102	Rice	214.5	283	162	57.2	26	13	5.8	7.98
103	Vanderbilt	208.0	304	198	65.1	14	9	5.8	8.25
104	Rutgers	250.5	343	208	60.6	20	12	5.8	7.91
105	East Carolina	223.5	273	164	60.1	18	12	5.8	8.32
106	New Mexico St	196.1	279	178	63.8	16	10	5.7	8.09
107	Navy	200.4	350	219	62.6	16	12	5.7	6.81
108	Central Michigan	261.2	361	218	60.4	21	5	5.6	8.61
109	Temple	245.0	319	209	65.5	18	8	5.5	9.84
110	UCF	217.2	299	181	60.5	21	11	5.4	7.55
111	Arkansas St	225.7	302	182	60.3	23	8	5.2	8.16
112	SMU	257.6	348	213	61.2	25	6	4.9	8.50
113	Baylor	215.3	288	170	59.0	28	4	4.7	8.48
114	Middle Tennessee	273.5	356	231	64.9	20	7	4.4	8.30
115	Army	240.7	319	211	66.1	21	7	4.4	8.64
116	Western Michigan	265.2	317	193	60.9	28	10	4.3	8.41
117	Eastern Michigan	277.7	386	249	64.5	29	7	4.0	8.52
118	Florida International	275.8	343	229	66.8	14	8	3.5	5.80
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2004 SPECIAL TEAMS RATINGS

In the text of the team write-ups, I have ranked each special teams unit. I devised a formula which takes into account net punting, kick returns, punt returns & kick return defense. The total opportunities each team had was also factored into the equation. As an example, last year, Buffalo punted EIGHTY times and returned only 18 punts all year. Their net punting average was weighted 4.4 times as much as their punt return average ranking due to the difference in attempts. I added a new category a few years ago for net TD/Blk's. A negative number means a team allowed more blocks & TD's than they garnered. A positive number means that they blk'd more kicks and scored more TD's than they allowed. If a team blocked a punt AND returned the same punt for a TD, I only give credit for one TD/Blk. However if a team fumbled a punt snap and the other team recovered I counted that as a blocked punt.

A few years ago I added a formula to grade the kickers as I looked at 6 categories. The first was overall accuracy and that % was multiplied times 5 (graded everything on a scale of 1-5). Then I took the amount of FG's made and divided it into the largest amount of FG's made (24) and that percentage was multiplied by 5. Each counted for 30% of the overall grade. Then I took the 40-49 factors (both # of kicks and %) and did the same and they counted for 30% of the grade each. The 50+ factors counted for 10% of the grade each. This factored in kickers with the stronger legs.

In past years I have listed a special teams rating, a kicker rating and then last year added a combined special teams ratings. The K rating accounts for about 26% of the overall grade. This year I just list them by the combined rating but for you long time readers looking for the individual ratings they are in the chart listed below.

	Special Tms Including K	Net Punts	KR Off	PR Off	KR Def	KR w/TB	BLK/ TD	ST Ranking	ST Rating	Kick Rating	FG Total	%	50+
1. Ohio St	16.0	39.2	23.7	16.3	20.5	16.9	5	1	11.0	4.94	24-27	89%	5-6
2. Colorado	13.6	42.4	20.2	7.8	18.8	16.5	4	6	9.4	4.28	23-29	79%	6-8
3. UCLA	13.5	40.7	22.1	15.0	20.1	20.2	4	5	9.6	3.91	15-20	75%	3-5
4. Boise St	12.9	37.3	23.0	16.6	20.0	19.3	3	8	9.3	3.64	24-27	89%	0-1
5. Miami, Fl	12.6	37.8	18.9	16.6	18.9	18.4	8	2	10.1	2.52	15-24	63%	0-3
6. Boston College	12.6	36.5	26.3	11.9	15.2	15.7	5	4	9.9	2.64	14-20	70%	0-0
7. Clemson	12.1	35.3	27.1	11.8	19.5	17.6	6	7	9.3	2.80	15-20	75%	0-1
8. Utah	11.9	40.8	26.2	10.9	18.8	19.3	6	3	10.0	1.94	7-7	100%	0-0
9. Stanford	11.8	35.9	24.6	9.3	19.2	17.5	4	13	8.2	3.61	16-24	67%	1-1
10. Wyoming	11.6	36.2	21.5	15.5	20.8	18.7	2	16	8.1	3.49	18-25	72%	1-2
11. Oklahoma St	11.4	37.4	21.3	14.7	17.9	16.1	2	10	8.7	2.71	11-16	69%	1-1
12. Miami, Oh	11.3	37.1	20.3	14.5	17.9	17.3	3	11	8.6	2.70	16-20	80%	0-0
13. BYU	11.3	41.1	20.5	8.3	24.9	21.5	0	25	7.3	3.99	15-22	68%	4-5
14. Alabama	11.1	37.9	24.4	8.2	19.2	17.9	3	14	8.1	2.90	16-19	84%	0-0
15. USC	10.9	38.5	23.7	13.5	21.2	18.1	-1	12	8.2	2.67	16-25	64%	0-0
16. Indiana	10.8	38.1	28.1	10.0	18.6	17.4	1	9	8.9	1.87	11-14	79%	0-0
17. UTEP	10.7	38.6	20.6	13.4	20.3	20.3	0	26	7.2	3.42	15-20	75%	1-3
18. Iowa	10.6	35.9	18.3	13.7	19.5	18.0	3	20	7.6	2.97	21-26	81%	0-0
19. Auburn	10.5	38.0	22.1	11.9	21.0	18.2	0	18	7.8	2.64	12-15	80%	0-0
20. Utah St	10.4	37.6	22.7	18.3	23.3	21.2	0	15	8.1	2.32	8-10	80%	0-0
21. Florida St	10.4	37.7	20.3	11.3	23.8	20.4	-1	36	6.6	3.79	23-34	68%	1-2
22. Michigan St	10.3	37.1	23.3	8.6	19.7	17.2	-2	38	6.6	3.68	22-31	71%	2-7
23. LSU	10.0	36.0	20.2	7.7	16.5	16.2	-1	50	6.2	3.81	17-25	68%	2-2
24. Fresno St	9.9	35.8	23.3	8.0	18.2	18.6	4	21	7.5	2.45	10-14	71%	0-1
25. S Mississippi	9.9	38.2	22.6	6.9	21.1	20.4	1	29	6.9	2.98	16-19	84%	0-0
26. Michigan	9.9	34.4	24.6	13.3	19.6	18.7	-1	31	6.9	3.02	19-24	79%	0-0
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28. Baylor	9.8	40.6	21.7	11.1	22.8	19.7	-2	19	7.7	2.13	11-15	73%	0-1
29. NC State	9.8	35.6	23.4	10.7	24.2	20.7	4	24	7.4	2.45	13-22	59%	1-3
30. Illinois	9.7	39.0	23.2	9.2	21.0	19.2	2	17	8.1	1.66	8-15	53%	0-0
31. Mississippi	9.7	36.9	23.7	6.1	19.0	18.0	0	37	6.6	3.10	20-27	74%	0-2
32. Georgia	9.7	35.2	16.5	13.8	17.1	17.6	3	27	7.1	2.63	16-23	70%	0-1
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34. Bowling Green	9.6	33.3	18.7	13.4	19.3	19.1	2	48	6.3	3.33	15-21	71%	1-2
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39. Kansas St	9.4	35.8	22.1	6.6	16.6	17.5	-2	63	5.7	3.73	13-15	87%	2-2
40. Rutgers	9.4	35.8	19.7	8.4	18.6	18.3	4	34	6.8	2.65	15-24	63%	0-3
41. Louisville	9.4	31.9	21.2	10.3	19.8	19.5	4	32	6.8	2.57	12-15	80%	0-0
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45. Troy	9.1	37.7	23.9	9.5	22.3	22.3	-1	43	6.5	2.57	12-15	80%	0-1
46. Georgia Tech	9.0	35.9	21.8	7.0	23.3	21.8	5	44	6.4	2.60	15-19	79%	0-1
47. Virginia	9.0	29.9	26.6	11.2	21.9	19.7	1	55	6.0	2.99	17-24	71%	1-2
48. Middle Tenn	9.0	34.7	18.1	10.4	15.8	15.9	1	51	6.1	2.88	15-17	88%	0-0
49. Tennessee	9.0	39.0	18.3	6.1	18.3	17.4	0	47	6.4	2.58	10-17	59%	2-3
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51. Wisconsin	8.9	37.1	18.1	12.3	20.1	19.4	0	40	6.6	2.34	12-21	57%	0-2
52. Purdue	8.9	35.9	24.9	5.2	20.9	20.2	3	42	6.5	2.36	10-18	56%	1-2
53. Oklahoma	8.8	39.4	19.1	9.0	15.8	16.1	0	23	7.4	1.36	9-17	53%	0-0
54. Marshall	8.8	35.3	16.7	11.4	18.1	17.7	-1	73	5.2	3.59	14-19	74%	1-1
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65. North Carolina	8.2	37.3	20.5	7.6	24.5	22.8	-1	77	5.1	3.09	14-18	78%	1-2
66. North Texas	8.1	35.0	18.1	9.6	19.5	18.2	-1	79	5.0	3.17	14-18	78%	1-2
67. Colorado St	8.1	36.9	19.5	4.8	22.9	18.9	1	65	5.5	2.61	14-17	82%	0-0
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75. Iowa St	7.5	33.2	23.2	8.4	18.6	19.1	2	62	5.7	1.82	11-21	52%	0-0
76. Minnesota	7.4	36.9	18.6	7.1	19.4	19.0	-1	67	5.5	1.96	12-18	67%	0-2
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84. TCU	6.9	34.1	21.0	10.1	21.8	22.2	1	74	5.1	1.78	9-19	47%	0-1
85. East Carolina	6.9	33.2	20.5	15.7	24.2	23.6	-4	90	4.3	2.59	12-15	80%	0-0
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88. Nebraska	6.7	38.4	19.7	5.8	24.7	22.2	-1	72	5.2	1.48	6-12	50%	0-1
89. Oregon	6.7	33.8	18.9	11.1	21.5	21.9	-1	89	4.4	2.32	9-14	64%	1-2
90. San Diego St	6.7	33.2	18.3	9.0	21.0	20.9	-1	101	4.0	2.70	12-21	57%	1-2
91. Tulsa	6.7	31.0	23.7	8.3	20.3	20.0	-3	91	4.2	2.45	12-17	71%	0-0
92. New Mexico St	6.6	35.4	19.0	9.0	19.8	19.7	-3	86	4.5	2.07	12-18	67%	0-0
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94. Pittsburgh	6.4	35.1	19.9	5.5	22.9	20.6	-3	104	3.8	2.57	18-27	67%	0-2
95. Northwestern	6.3	31.2	22.6	10.7	21.6	21.5	-1	93	4.2	2.13	11-22	50%	0-0
96. Nevada	6.3	34.3	19.8	9.0	21.2	21.7	-2	96	4.1	2.16	12-18	67%	0-0
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102. C Michigan	5.9	31.5	18.5	12.7	18.0	18.0	1	83	4.6	1.25	8-16	50%	0-1
103. Wake Forest	5.9	36.9	17.8	4.1	19.3	18.3	-3	95	4.1	1.71	9-17	53%	0-0
104. Missouri	5.8	33.6	18.0	11.8	22.3	20.8	-2	98	4.1	1.72	11-19	58%	0-0
105. Washington	5.7	36.5	18.7	5.3	20.8	21.0	-4	102	3.9	1.83	10-17	59%	0-0
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111. Vanderbilt	4.8	31.2	18.8	8.6	20.3	18.8	-2	110	3.1	1.63	7-14	50%	0-0
112. Temple	4.5	32.4	19.3	7.3	23.5	24.2	-1	113	3.0	1.56	9-18	50%	0-1
113. Navy	4.4	31.1	19.4	7.0	20.3	19.9	-2	106	3.5	0.94	5-12	42%	0-0
114. Idaho	4.3	30.8	20.1	8.9	23.0	22.8	-1	112	3.1	1.16	4-12	33%	0-0
115. Houston	4.2	31.7	19.6	6.2	24.1	22.6	-5	119	2.0	2.27	13-22	59%	1-3
116. Ball St	4.1	35.0	15.9	4.1	21.9	20.6	-5	117	2.3	1.88	12-16	75%	0-1
117. Rice	4.0	28.5	20.0	8.7	21.8	21.5	-2	114	2.8	1.25	8-16	50%	0-0
118. Air Force	3.8	30.8	19.2	6.1	17.7	17.3	-6	118	2.1	1.64	7-11	64%	0-2
119. Buffalo	3.5	32.3	18.7	6.1	21.5	21.5	-4	116	2.3	1.25	5-13	38%	0-0

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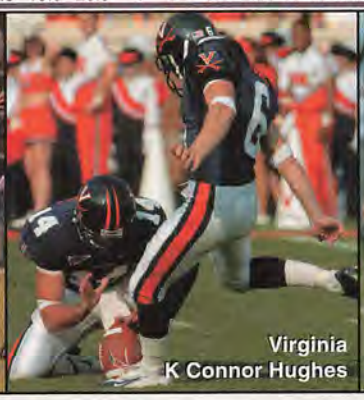
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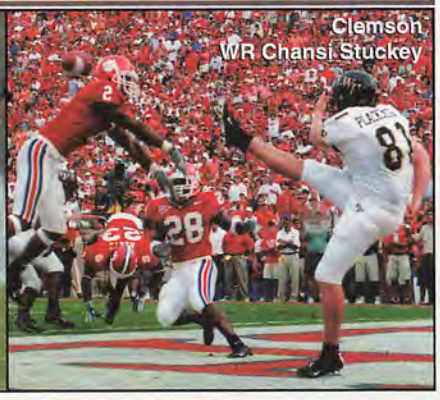
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KEEPING AN EYE ON IAA

by Jim Seman

This year there will be 51 games between Div IA & IAA teams. A number likely to rise in the future as IA will soon be able to play 12 games a year and many teams are already lining up future IAA opponents. This year the Big Sky & Gateway Conferences both lead the way with each conference's members playing a combined nine IA foes. Seven IAA teams have 2 IA teams on their schedule including 3 from the Southland Conference. While in the past it was not surprising to see non-BCS teams with IAA teams on their schedule, the trend of BCS teams to include IAA games seems to be growing. Some of the BCS schools this year that will face IAA opponents are Florida St, Auburn, Arkansas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech (2 games) and 6 teams from the PAC 10. Every year there are IA teams "upset" by IAA teams, though if you know even a little about some of the up and coming teams in IAA, you would know many teams could easily compete at the IA level despite having far less scholarships to offer. For this reason we do keep an eye on IAA teams so we know when an "upset" was not really a surprise.

I would like to note that things can change quickly in IAA as usually every summer their is an influx of IA players who transfer to a IAA school for various reasons, some very talented players, who just happen to be behind an even more talented player on the roster. Since players transferring to IAA are eligible to play right away, some teams can make an huge improvement at a position that looked to be a weakness in the spring. The right player can turn a "dark horse" into a true contender. So keep an eye on those transfers, as we will.

Here is my view of the top teams from each conference for the 2005 season. We will start with the eight major conferences that receive automatic bids to the playoffs.

The **Atlantic 10** became the first conf to win back to back IAA titles with 2 different teams. They tied the record for most teams by one conf in the IAA playoffs with 4. All 4 which advanced to the quarter finals with 2 teams being sent home by the other Atlantic 10 teams. They lead all conferences with 6 teams in our top 25. The conference has a lot of depth as demonstrated last year as National Champ James Madison was picked for 4th in their division in the conf preseason poll. In the South look for **William & Mary** to come out on top. They do lose 2004 Walter Payton award winner, QB Lang Campbell, but they return 17 starters including 4 on the OL which should give the new QB time to develop. They were the only IAA team to beat James Madison last year (reg season) and made it to the semifinals before JMU pushed them out. **James Madison** will try to defend its crown and should make the playoffs again but they return just 11 starters and lose 24 lettermen, the most in their division. **Delaware** should be in the playoff hunt again but they do return just 10 starters and had a lot of close games last year. The Blue Hens do attract IA transfers and a little help could go a long way here. Rounding out the South is Villanova, Richmond and Towson. In the North Division **Massachusetts** won 4 of its last 5 games last year after adjusting to a new HC. Their strength is on defense as they return all 11 starters and, with an influx of 5 IA transfers, look to be a contender. They also get to host New Hampshire on October 29th. That game could decide the North as **New Hampshire** is coming off a season to remember with a win over IA Rutgers, their 1st playoff win ever and a final ranking of #6. They are led by ATL-10 Rookie of the Year , QB Ricky Santos who lead them to 32.8 ppg. The defense is the question mark here. **Hofstra** also makes our top 25 and is the darkhorse in the conference. They return 19 starters and get 6'4" WR Marques Colston back from injury which kept him out last season. The lower half of the division will be fought for by Maine, Rhode Island and Northeastern which has a huge offensive line.

The **Big Sky** always seems to be in the hunt for the IAA Title and 3 teams make our top 25. Last year **Eastern Washington** shocked #1 seed Southern Illinois in the opening round of the playoffs then came up just short vs Sam Houston St in the 2nd round. They have 15 returning starters led by Conf Off POY, QB Erik Meyer. They add a IA transfer at RB, a weak spot, and should again be explosive on offense. **Montana** has made 12 straight playoff appearances and should make it 13 this year. The lose QB Craig Ochs but return 13 starters and add in some IA transfers. The Grizzlies are never out of contention for the championship but do have a big void to fill. **Montana State** should again make some noise after falling off the playoff trail last year finishing with 3 straight loses. They return a Sr QB with 3 years experience and 14 starters but need the defense to step up to keep in the hunt this year. Weber St made an excellent hire in Ron McBride who was Utah's head coach for many years and hopefully he will get them into the playoffs soon (not been in post season in 14 years). Two years ago Northern Arizona, led by frosh QB Jason Murrietta, made the playoffs but surprisingly dropped to 4-7 last year. They are a playoff contender as is Portland St which was hot down the stretch last year winning their final 4 games (even beat Montana) and finished 7-4 and bring in Pac 10 transfers in Nic Costa (Ariz) and Jordan Carey (Oregon). Idaho St and Sacramento St round out the league.

The **Gateway Conference** should make it 12 straight years with multiple teams in the playoffs. Last year both of the conference representatives were knocked out in the 1st round . The most shocking was **Southern Illinois** who went in ranked #1 in the country. That made it 2 years in a row they were knocked out in the 1st round. They say the third time is the charm and we look for SIU to not only make the playoffs again but to win it all this year. They return the conf Off POY in QB Joel Sambursky who led the Salukis to 42.6 ppg last year. They also had the #1 defense in the conf last year and return 8 starters from that unit. They are clearly a contender and a win over IA Western Michigan on Sept. 17th could have them again ranked in the top 5 early in the year. **Western Kentucky** has made 4 straight playoff appearances and should make it 5 this year. The offense looks strong and 3 starters on the DL should give the new LB's (replace 3 of 4) time to adjust. **Northern Iowa** won is last 6 games last year behind a rFr QB who now has a year of experience under his belt which should get the Panthers back into playoff contention. Western Illinois went just 4-7 last year their first losing season since 1995 and should return to form. Illinois St was -21 in TO's last year which should mean better fortune but must replace their star QB and a 3 time defensive POY. What in the world has happened to Youngstown St? They used to be a perennial power but are off two straight losing seasons. We will call for them to be a sleeper pick this year.

The **Southern Conference** has been the most successful conf in the IAA playoffs but did not even make the semifinals last year. **Furman,** who was knocked out of the quarter-finals last year by the eventual Champion James Madison 14-13, looks to have another shot again this year. They return 6 starters on both sides of the ball and 50 letterman including conf Def POY William Freeman. The Championship race would not be complete without mentioning **Georgia Southern.** They led the nation with 49.2 ppg and 373 ypg rushing last year, They return 10 all-SoCon players that are eager to make up for an early exit in the 1st round last year. **Wofford** has been ranked in 36 consecutive Top 25 polls, 2nd only to Montana. They return 13 starters and should again be in the hunt for the Conference crown (won in 2003) and a spot in the playoffs. Appalachian St QB Richie Williams led the league in passing last year and is back making them a playoff contender.

The **Southland Conference** was home of the top IAA defense last year. That defense was **Northwestern State**'s Purple Swarm. The defense returns 7 starters and adds in LB Marvin Byrdsong from Miss St. That defense and a Sr QB has us calling for the Demons to win the conference and contend for the IAA title. They have 2 winnable games vs IA opponents (ULM & LA Lft) which could vault them into the top 10 early in the year. Another team that is not usually mentioned as a top 25 team is **Texas State.** However we rank the Bobcats at #24 as they are now in the 2nd year of a new HC, return 19 starters and add some IA transfers that bring them up to 15 former IA players on their roster. Fighting for 3rd in the league are McNeese St, Sam Houston St and Stephen F Austin. McNeese had an off-year last season and should be stronger on D. Sam Houston was hit hard by graduation but gets some solid transfers and Stephen F Austin was plagued by injuries last year.

The **Patriot League** has 2 teams on our top 25 list. One is **Lehigh** which returns 13 starters from a 2004 playoff team that was barely knocked out of the 1st round by eventual champ James Madison 14-13. The league championship could again come down to the most played rivalry in college football, when they face Lafayette on Nov 19th. **Lafayette** won last years' meeting 24-10 to win the conf bid to the playoffs. They were then eliminated in the 1st round by Delaware. This year they return 16 starters including 10 on defense. They also play 7 home games this year and should again be in the hunt for the conf or an at-large bid. Also, not totally out of the picture is **Colgate** which made it to the IAA championship game in 2003 and led the PL in defense last year. While they need to fill some big holes on offense, they do return 6 to a defense that should keep them in most games and so are a darkhorse in the Patriot race. **Bucknell** is led by DE Sean Conover who had 10.5 sacks in 2004. **Fordham** is much more experienced than the 2004 version and **Holy Cross** QB John O'Neil topped 2000 yards passing and returns.

The **Ohio Valley Conference** has been dominated by **Jacksonville State** since they joined the conference in 2003. The Gamecocks have gone 14-2 in OVC play . They became the 1st conf team to win back-to-back titles since '98-'99 Tenn Tech. They return 42 lettermen and 13 starters including 8 to a defense that allowed just 21.2 ppg last year. They look like the team to beat in the OVC. **Eastern Kentucky** was the OVC favorite and tied for #2 with a 6-2 conf record. The Colonels return 14 starters including 5 all-OVC players and could give the Gamecocks a run for their money. **Eastern**

Illinois could make things interesting as they are led by FLORIDA transfer Justin Midgett and 1,000 yard rusher Vincent Webb. **Murray St** has VHT Nick Turner (PS#12) and were 7-4 last year and will contend.

The final automatic playoff bid goes to the **MEAC.** Unfortunately, they haven't been able to do much with it as the MEAC has not had a playoff win since 1999. **Hampton** won the conf last year but was knocked out of the playoffs by the #3 seed, William & Mary. They look to be in the drivers seat again returning 7 starters on offense and 9 on defense including the MEAC POY, LB Justin Durant. They also add in former Kent State QB Antwan Smith who has a lot of athletic talent and played some WR last year for the Flashes. **South Carolina State** tied Hampton last year with a 6-1 conf record but has some holes to fill on both sides of the line but could keep the pressure on the Pirates. **Florida A&M** looked to be a dark horse in the MEAC race this year but, with the dismissal of their HC Billy Joe, in June this team will have a hard time pulling the season together. That could open the door for a talented **Bethune-Cookman** or teams on the rise like **Howard, Delaware St** and **Morgan St**.

The two newest IAA conf's both wish they had automatic bids as both had a team they thought should be in the playoffs last year. The **Big South Conference** was dominated by **Coastal Carolina** who finished with a 10-1 overall record but faced a very weak schedule. This year they again look to be the only team in the Big South race. They return 19 starters including all 11 on defense. They have greatly upgraded their schedule including games vs defending Champion, James Madison. The Chanticleers will have their chance to earn an at-large playoff spot if they can continue their winning ways.

Last years **Great West Conference** champion, **Cal Poly,** went 9-2 and were shocked at not receiving a bid to the playoffs. The Mustangs return 12 starters and lose just 13 letterman including the Buck Buchanan Award winner Jordan Beck. However, DE Chris Gocong who was #2 in the Buchanan Award voting returns to lead a dominating defense that held 10 opponents to 21 points or less including 6 to 14 points or less. The only other Playoff eligible team (4 are IAA transitional teams) is **Southern Utah** which looks to be in a rebuilding year. The GWC had 5 of its 6 teams finish with winning records in its 1st year of play last year.

Now I will look at 2 bigger conferences that do not compete in the IAA playoffs. The first is the granddaddy of the all The **Ivy League. Harvard** ended last year at 10-0, the only undefeated IAA team. The Crimson were the dominant team last year thanks in part to QB Ryan Fitzpatrick who was taken in this years NFL draft (7th round by St Louis). However the cupboard is not bare as they return 13 starters including AA RB Clifton Dawson who led the league in rushing last year. Harvard still seems to be the team to beat but they don't look unstoppable. **Penn** looks to be the team to challenge them as their only loss last year was to Harvard. They were the Ivy champ the previous 2 years and return 40 letterman including 6 All-Ivy performers. These 2 have combined to win the last 5 conf titles and they should make it 6 this year. **Brown** and **Cornell** look to be the best of the rest.

The **SWAC** has 2 teams in our Top 25 and, while they do not compete in the playoffs , are the only major IAA conference to have a title game. **Alabama State** will look to defend their SWAC title this year. They return many key players from the conferences #1 off (33.9 ppg) but have some big holes to fill on both lines but are still the team to beat in the East Division. Their main challenge will most likely come from **Alabama A&M** who had the SWAC's top defense last year. How much of a challenge they are will depend on how much their offense improves. In the West Division **Grambling State** looks again to be the team to beat with the return of AA QB Bruce Eugene who was granted a medical RS after being knocked out for the season in last years opener. The offense looks loaded and the defense returns a solid base of 6 starters. **Southern** should challenge for the division but must break in a new QB which may give Grambling State the edge. The November 5th Grambling State at Alabama St game could be a rehearsal for the SWAC Championship game.

Now a look at the Mid-Majors: In the **Pioneer Football League** look for the title to come down to the winner of the North Division, which should again be between **Drake** and **Dayton**. The deciding factor between those two could be the defense, where Drake returns eight starters while Dayton must replace eight starters. **San Diego's** passing offense could also make them a darkhorse here but they will need a big defensive improvement to compete. The South Division looks again to be **Morehead State's** for the taking and they could surprise in the Championship game as they only lost by 3 to Drake in last years PFL title game.

In the **MAAC. Duquesne** has won the conf title 5 years in a row but must replace their HC and a 4 year starter at QB. They do return 16 starters, including 9 on defense and have 3 1st Team All-MAAC on the OL which should give the new QB time to get his feet wet. Two teams that could challenge the Dukes this year are **Morehead St** with 18 returning starters from a team that went 3-1 in conf play last year and **La Salle** which should still have an explosive offense (#22 IAA Last year) and gets some key IA transfers.

The **Northeast Conference** had a shared title last year but both of those teams (**Monmouth** & **Central Conn**) were hit hard by graduation. While both should still contend, look for **Robert Morris** which returns 19 starters and lost by just 2 to Monmouth last year to regain their throne as conf champs (1996-2000). Now let's look at our Preseason Top 25.

NORTHCOAST SPORTS PRESEASON IAA TOP 25

1) **Southern Illinois**
2) **Eastern Washington**
3) **William & Mary**
4) **Furman**
5) **Montana**
6) **James Madison**
7) **Western Kentucky**
8) **Georgia Southern**
9) **Delaware**
10) **Northwestern State**
11) **Massachusetts**
12) **Northern Iowa**
13) **Cal Poly**
14) **Hampton**
15) **Jacksonville State**
16) **Wofford**
17) **Lehigh**
18) **New Hampshire**
19) **Grambling State**
20) **Lafayette**
21) **Harvard**
22) **Montana State**
23) **Alabama State**
24) **Texas State**
25) **Hofstra**

At the beginning of this article I said keep an eye on the IAA teams especially those that play IA teams, so I know when an "upset" is not really an upset. So let us look at our Top 25 for some examples. Thirteen of these teams have IA teams on their schedule, including 2 (#7 Western Kentucky & #10 Northwestern St) that have two IA games.

Each of the Top three teams have games that a victory would not be a shock. #1 Southern Illinois plays a Western Michigan team that was just 1-10 last year & is breaking in a new HC. #2 Eastern Washington plays a San Jose State team that was just 2-9 last year and is also breaking in a new HC. #3 William & Mary plays a Marshall team that returns just 6 starters from a 6-6 team that again is breaking in a new HC, who wasn't hired till after the spring.

Let's take a look at some of our other Top 25 teams that could pull some upsets this year. While #7 Western Kentucky probably won't pull off an upset of Auburn, their regular season closer vs a Florida International team that they beat last year 35-14 would certainly not be a shock. #10 Northwestern St plays UL Monroe a team they beat 14-10 in 2003, and Louisiana Lft who they lost to last year by a 14-7 score. #13 Cal Poly's game against Troy may be a bit of a stretch but 2 big factors put it in the realm of possibility. One, Troy will play them in their opener with just 8 returning starters and number two The Mustangs who were 9-2 last year sat home for the playoffs and a win over a IA team would give them a big edge when selection time comes along in November.

Some other IAA points of interest: The 2005 IAA National Championship game will have a new look this year. It will again be in Chattanooga at Finley stadium, but after last years field problems the natural grass has been replaced by a new artificial surface. The IAA playoffs will also get a slight make-over as now the top 8 teams will be seeded (only top 4 Last year). **SE Louisiana** joins the Southland Conference this year after playing 2 years as an Independent since restarting their football program. They also have to break in a new HC as Hal Mumme returns to the IA level. It is also rumored that the Southland conf will look to add a few more teams from the lower divisional teams in the area. The Big Sky will add Northern Colorado next year (2006). This will give the conf 9 teams, allowing for a balanced home and away schedule. That defection from the newly formed Great West conference may spell the beginning of the end for that league. The Gateway conf will have a "new" member, at least in name, as Southwest Missouri St changes their name to Missouri St. If the rumors are true though, the Gateway may lose a member soon as Western Kentucky may look to move up to balance out the MAC, which is adding Temple in 2007. If the attendance rule, requiring 15,000 in attendance per game is dropped, look for the move to happen. The NCAA has changed the rule for IA victories over IAA teams counting for bowl eligibility. A team used to be able to use only 1 win over a IAA team in a four year period, now they can count 1 per year. So, with IA going to a 12 game schedule, look for many to include a IAA team in the near future. **Austin Peay** has announced it will return to scholarship football in 2006 and will rejoin the Ohio Valley Conference in 2007.

THE POWER POLL TOP 119

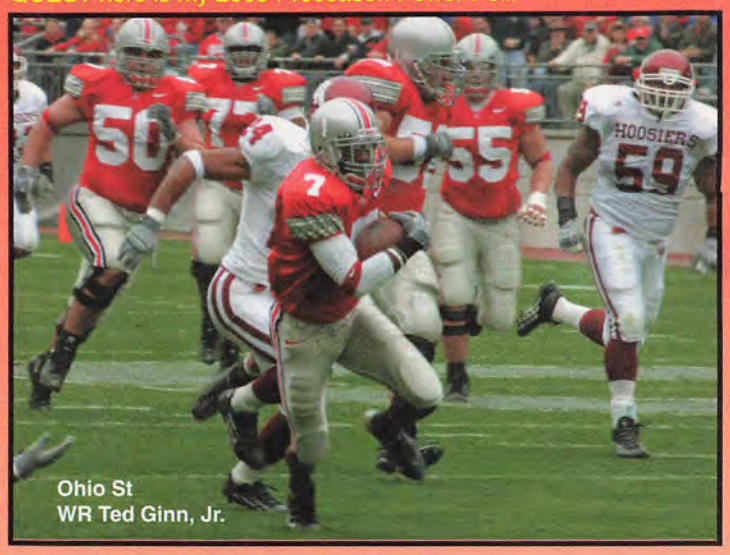
Once again, I would like to thank EVERYONE who sent in their questionnaire over the last few years with your comments about the magazine. Once again, I am overwhelmed by the kind comments from those of you who appreciate all the hard work that goes into this magazine each year.

As I clearly point out in the front of the magazine MY College Top 40 is based on where I think each team will finish and NOT how I rate the teams talent-wise. I clearly point out each year my surprise teams are often teams that have decent talent but a GREAT schedule. One of the prime examples this year is my #1 surprise team Purdue. The Power Poll talent ratings have Purdue rated #12 in overall talent heading into the year, but I list them in my Top 5 up front and give them the prized title of my #1 surprise team. They simply have the schedule, enough talent and some of my sets of power ratings have them going undefeated this year. Not having to face Ohio St and Michigan in the Big 10 and having Iowa at home is HUGE.

For the Top 119 I could have continued on from the 46 teams I list in my Top 40 and taken that down to #119 but the weakest teams listed may be those that face the toughest schedules so I did not feel that would be a fair representation. Therefore I decided to give you my Power Poll Top 119. Let me explain why I call it the Power Poll and how it is derived.

A few years back, before the computers got involved in the BCS, there was no doubt there were flaws in the polls. Teams rated #2 or #3 in the country really were not that talented and were only the 5th or 6th best team. One Internet site decided to produce a poll of the top handicappers and sportsbook managers each week and invited me to join. The reason they did this was Las Vegas sportsbooks earn their living handicapping college football and take it more seriously than many writers. They also spend more time on it than the coaches do when they do their polls. A Las Vegas sportsbooks power rating is a truer reflection of the strength of a team. I myself work 365 days a year and especially during magazine time (March, April, May) and football season (August thru January) there are many 15-18 hour days put in and it is working on FOOTBALL. When they invited me to join the poll, I wanted to give them the best set of power ratings in the country to help make the poll as accurate as possible. The dilemma I had was which set?? As I mention throughout the magazine, I have SEVEN different sets of power ratings that are based on different factors. One is based on the individual talent level and performance of each position on each team and those are added up for the rating. Another is based on my Power Plays numbers which include rushing and passing offenses and defenses plus special teams. Another is a continually updated power rating based on the score of the games and the strength of opponent (see page 318).

What I decided to do was combine all 7 into one rating which gave me a very solid overall ranking for each team as it takes in EVERY factor using it as my main set of power ratings. These numbers will differ from page 305's Plus or Minus ratings as THAT set is just one of SEVEN used to compile this main number. As mentioned earlier these numbers will differ from my Top 40 because the Power Poll is concerned ONLY with the strength of the team and does not worry about who they will play for the upcoming season or how many games they should win in 2005. Keep in mind this is basically MY COMPUTER'S Top 119. Without further adieu and at YOUR REQUEST here is my 2005 Preseason Power Poll.



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WR Ted Ginn, Jr.

1	USC	31	Oregon St	61	TCU	91	North Texas
2	Miami, Fl	32	Michigan St	62	Wake Forest	92	Kent St
3	Texas	33	Fresno St	63	UTEP	93	Navy
4	Ohio St	34	Arkansas	64	Northwestern	94	SMU
5	LSU	35	Pittsburgh	65	Bowling Green	95	UNLV
6	Michigan	36	Notre Dame	66	Syracuse	96	Temple
7	Georgia	37	Clemson	67	South Carolina	97	Nevada
8	Florida	38	Wisconsin	68	Mississippi St	98	East Carolina
9	Tennessee	39	Nebraska	69	Mississippi	99	UCF
10	Florida St	40	Kansas St	70	Houston	100	Cincinnati
11	Virginia Tech	41	Kansas	71	Illinois	101	Eastern Michigan
12	Purdue	42	Stanford	72	Air Force	102	Louisiana-Lft
13	Oklahoma	43	Washington St	73	Tulane	103	Ohio
14	Iowa	44	Minnesota	74	UAB	104	San Jose St
15	Texas A&M	45	Utah	75	Southern Mississippi	105	New Mexico St
16	Louisville	46	Maryland	76	Memphis	106	UL Monroe
17	California	47	Washington	77	Northern Illinois	107	Troy
18	Texas Tech	48	Oklahoma St	78	West Virginia	108	Marshall
19	Auburn	49	North Carolina	79	Baylor	109	Western Michigan
20	NC State	50	Iowa St	80	South Florida	110	Army
21	Penn St	51	Missouri	81	Indiana	111	Akron
22	Arizona St	52	Arizona	82	Connecticut	112	Idaho
23	Alabama	53	Wyoming	83	Kentucky	113	Central Michigan
24	Oregon	54	Miami, Ohio	84	Vanderbilt	114	Arkansas St
25	UCLA	55	Colorado St	85	Hawaii	115	Utah St
26	Virginia	56	BYU	86	Tulsa	116	Buffalo
27	Colorado	57	San Diego St	87	Rice	117	Florida Atlantic
28	Boston College	58	New Mexico	88	Duke	118	Ball St
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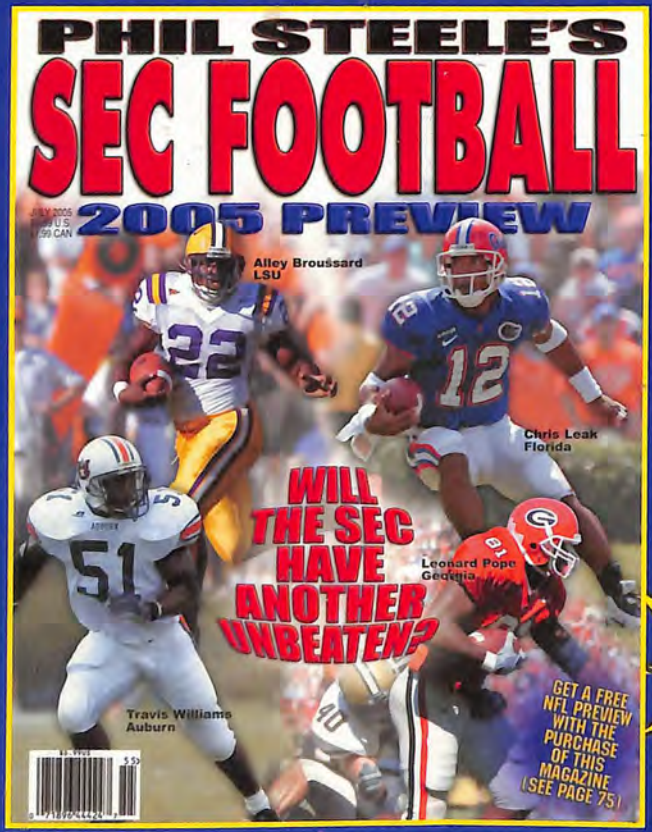

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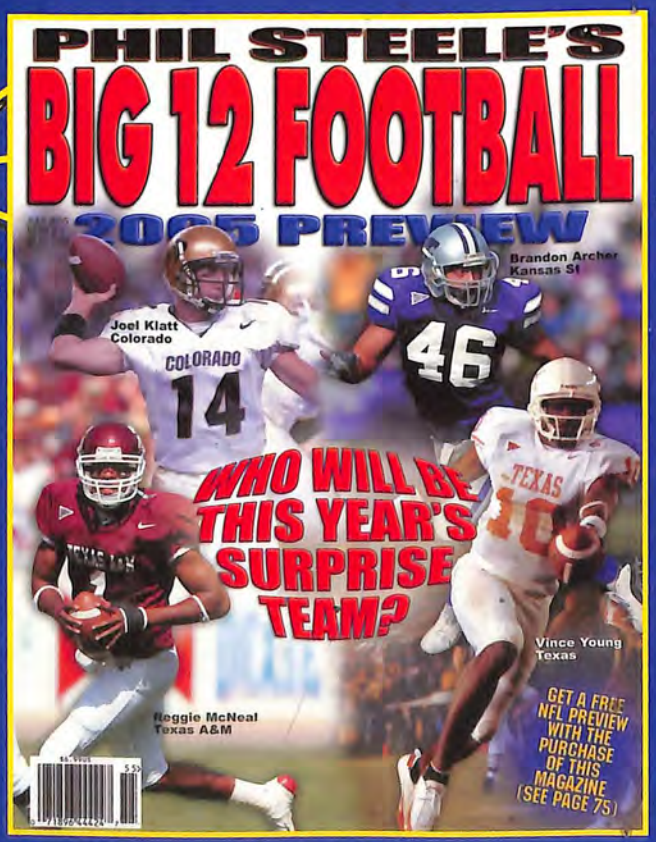

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